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## Woman behind the TV camera

Katherine Buell's jobs have taken her to places most only see on the TV screen

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — More than 20 years ago, when Kensington resident Katherine Garrahan Buell filmed a bovine midwife putting a chain around an unborn calf's neck and pulling it from its mother's womb, she knew she had found her calling.

The calf survived and Buell was hooked on producing compelling television images. "I found it fascinating — and I knew then and there that if this where television is going to bring me — I'll go along," Buell explained.

Speaking to a meeting of the Richmond-El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University Women last Saturday, the 42-year-old Buell, who currently works as production coordinator in the San Francisco office of "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," gave an engaging and entertaining account of a career behind the scenes in network and public television.

Buell has worked as a fact checker and girl-Friday for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," she has been a television camera "cowboy," and was supervisor of network editors for NBC News in Washington, D.C.

Buell shot video for the Independent Network News and was part of the first live broadcast of the then-fledgling Cable News Network. She has been one of the "boys on the bus" during several national political campaigns and was catapulted off the aircraft carrier USS America in the Mediterranean Sea.

Assignments have taken her from the Oval Office to (close to) the shores of Tripoli. Buell has been in a mine shaft with Jimmy Carter and taped Ronald Reagan and Francois Mitterrand during their meeting in Williamsburg, Va. She has shared an office with veteran newsmen Daniel Schorr and one of her filmed reports elicited tears of emotion from correspondent Jessica Savitch.

Buell has raced back and forth from

one end of Washington, D.C. to the other more times than she can remember and has lugged television production equipment through airports and city streets. She has stood outside diplomatic doors all day long to get 15 seconds of television feed where principals once again describe the talks as "frank and fruitful."

For the past year and a half Buell has worked as the production coordinator in the West Coast office of the Lehrer news show doing a little of everything.

She and her family — husband David and children Tom and Stacy — moved from Washington, D.C. to Kensington about 2 1/2 years ago. The nearly 50 women and men gathered at the El Cerrito Masonic Center to hear Buell's talk sat enthralled for more than an hour as the veteran newswoman described her life behind the camera.

"Great fun — it was a blast," Buell said of her first job as a desk assistant at National Public Radio in Washington, D.C.

"I liked the quick pace of it and having to respond very quickly to everything."

Katherine Buell on her days at NBC News

"I had no idea what I was doing," Buell explained, but she discovered she was good at her job.

"This was my first introduction to the real news world and it was fascinating," Buell said recalling her first months in the business. She would have to find an articulate psychologist here — an engaging oceanographer there — all in time for an afternoon interview.

"I'd get on the phone and start calling

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Katherine Buell prepares to fly in an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean behind Col. Khadafi's "line of death."

## More storm drain work in pipeline

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The city's storm drain reconstruction program has been a model of civic improvement and the City Council seems ready to approve more work and approve funding for an ongoing maintenance and repair plan. This appears to be the upshot of a City Council study session held last week.

The council heard a presentation by city staff and consultants concerning the city's storm drain master plan. Bob Guletz, vice president of the Harris and Associates consulting firm, presented a slide show on what has been done to reconstruct El Cerrito's storm drains since 1993, and what still needs to be done.

In 1992, the city's insurance carrier determined El Cerrito's storm drain system to be a "significant liability" and voters subsequently passed Measure J, a bond measure to finance storm drain reconstruction. The insurance carrier said it would no longer insure El Cerrito against claims for damages resulting from failed storm drain pipes unless the city took "positive steps" to correct the problems.

According to Harris and Associates, about 60 percent of the city's storm drain system pipes had some type of problem in 1992 and total repair and reconstruction costs were given a \$13.25 million price tag. The study evaluated 950 pipe segments. In four phases from 1993 to the present, nearly 60 "highest priority" project sites were reconstructed and repaired as part of Phase I of the project, which cost nearly \$6 million.

There are three remaining Phase I projects and Maintenance and Engineering Services Manager Mori Struve

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Oh, so close

Cheerleaders, family (including Andrew Gooden's father, standing with arms raised) and friends were on hand in Sacramento's Arco Arena to cheer the El Cerrito High School boys basketball team in last week's CIF Division III state title showdown against Washington Union last Sunday. The Gauchos had to settle for second place, however, after falling short by a 77-71 score. The full story is on page B1.

## Agencies link forces in wake of robbery spree

By Marc Albert

A string of three takeover robberies in three days by a team of machine gun-toting bandits has Berkeley wondering where they will strike next. Police say the masked men used Uzis or Mach-10

submachine guns to hit Mazzini's Trattoria Saturday, Reel Video Sunday and Barney's Gourmet Hamburgers Monday, robbing the establishments and terrorizing customers and employees before fleeing.

Police said the gunmen also robbed patrons at the two restaurants, demanding wallets and purses. East Bay police departments have established a task force to pool information on the gunmen, who have been linked to a string of terror from Fremont to Richmond.

The first takeover robbery was reported Feb. 24 in Fremont. Similar robberies were also reported in San Leandro and Doug's Barbecue in Emeryville. Britt-Marie's restaurant on Solano Avenue in Albany was robbed on two con-

secutive nights, March 5 and 6. Police believe the gunmen may be responsible for all the robberies.

"They generally come in and pull a mask over their faces before they rob the place," said Capt. Bobby Miller of the Berkeley Police.

Berkeley police advise businesses to keep a sharp lookout and immediately report individuals who may be casing shops before the robberies.

"This may occur a few minutes, or a day before the robbery," Miller said. "If a business falls victim to a takeover robbery, we are advising them to operate their alarm, but cooperate," Miller said. "As soon as they leave we are instructing people to lock the doors until police arrive and try to observe the direction of

flight. Above all do not do anything that will endanger your life or that of your customers." Miller said locking doors could prevent a hostage situation should police arrive as the robbers leave.

According to police reports, two gunmen entered Mazzini's on the 2800 block of Telegraph Avenue at 9:30 p.m. According to witnesses, one man pulled a Lycra cap over his face, pointed a small machine gun at the hostess's waist and said, "Gimme the money." At the same time, a second masked gunman walked behind the bar and repeatedly pointed a gun at patrons demanding "Gimme money. Wallets, wallets."

The duo took off with the cash regis-

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## John F. Andronico dies at age 76

John F. Andronico, chairman of the Andronico's Markets chain that is a fixture with upscale Berkeley shoppers, died March 17. He was 76 years old.

Andronico's first experience in the food industry came at the age of 8 when he worked for his father Frank in their Berkeley stores.

Born in Alameda and a Kensington resident for 46 years, Andronico served as president of several retail industry trade associations including Northern California Grocers and East Bay Grow-

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
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# Questioning the future of food production

Head of Oakland-based food policy group says emphasis is misdirected

By James Carte

Peter Rosset winced as he moved his right arm, numbed from a nerve. Though throbbing, the result of overwork, he said, it's not time off. He's simply too much for the job.

Rosset is the Executive Director of Food First The Institute for Food and Development Policy, an Oakland-based food policy group.

He works seven days a week, rarely takes time off, family with a home in Albany, Rosset teaches at Stanford University. Colleagues say Rosset's four years of three people, probably four, is more than a full-time job. It's a time when many people have fallen under the gray spell of technocracy, he still believes people can change the world. For Rosset, the first step is change the way people think.

## Obstacles to hunger

"Food First" is a nonprofit "education-for action" organization dedicated to finding solutions to world hunger.

It was founded by Incis Lappe, author of the best-selling book, "Diet for a Small Planet."

After studying the issues of hunger for more than 25 years, Food First has arrived at a conclusion: some may find it surprising, but there is plenty of food in the world. According to Rosset, the problem is the way food is distributed.

"The principal obstacles to overcoming hunger are literally rooted in the way we think about it," Rosset said in a recent interview. "That means if we think hunger is due to overpopulation, then we're not going to do anything about it, and we won't try."

The reason we have hunger is the structure of a food system that puts a priority on profits rather than people."

Rosset, who received his PhD in Cultural Ecology from the University of Michigan, intended to the use of corporate mergers and leveraged buyouts in food industry as one illustration of the problem.

Just like leveraged buyouts in other industries, he said, the result is that the giant supermarket chains have closed their doors in inner-city, poor and minority neighborhoods.

## Shopping in liquor stores

South Berkeley and West Oakland used to have the supermarkets, according to Rosset. Now they have none.

As a result, people in those communities — many of whom do not own automobiles — have been forced to take their purchases to a supermarket or to make purchases at local liquor stores.

Though many liquor stores carry some dry goods and a limited selection of frozen foods, Rosset said, they don't sell fresh meat and vegetables.

As a consequence, Rosset — who along with Francis Moore Lappe contributed to a new edition of the book, "World Hunger, Twelve Myths," — many poor people in the United States are undernourished or hungry.

Rosset pointed to a study done by Consumers Union that found food is 49 percent more expensive in poor neighborhoods than it is in supermarkets located in middle-class areas.

"It shows how people don't have access to food," Rosset asserted. "The low-income people who most need it can't get proper nourishment as a result of corporate control of our food system."

Yet there is some good news for hungry people who live in impoverished, inner-city neighborhoods: According to Rosset, a growing number of poor people are now building urban gardens.

## Food for thought

"Neighborhoods that have been left out of the global economy when companies closed down and left behind vacant lots, unemployment and crime — in many of those neighborhoods, people are taking control of those lots and turning them into urban farms," Rosset said.

Urban farms are providing fresh vegetables at low cost, Rosset said, and in some cases, employment for teenagers that might be at risk for a variety of different things if they didn't have that job.

Food First, a leading member of an organization of 35 community groups called "The Coalition for Urban Agriculture," believes urban gardens are important and encourages universities to support them.

"We would like UC Berkeley to create a program of research and education for this new community of urban farmers," Rosset said.

Among other things, research could study the best ways to compost, clean up contaminated urban soil, and develop methods to control pests without pesticides, according to Rosset.

## Farms in Albany?

The urban agriculture coalition believes that the Gill Tract, a parcel of land in Albany, is an ideal place to do such research.

"The Gill Tract used to be the

home of the Division of Biological Control, a very wonderful part of UC Berkeley that developed non-chemical ways for farmers to control pests," Rosset said.

UC Berkeley was forced to "phase out" such research "once they came under the influence of agribusiness and large chemical corporations," according to the author.

"Here's a resource that would be a perfect center for urban agricultural research and education," Rosset asserted, adding that the legislation creating the UC system in the first place clearly states "they have an obligation" to serve the needs of California agriculture, "especially small farmers. Small farmers are what urban farmers are."

## UC Berkeley's role

"What is UC Berkeley doing for 'What is UC Berkeley doing for 'What is it doing for the Bay Area?'"

He suggested that instead of making a controversial deal with giant corporations, UC should be entering into partnerships with community organizations "demonstrating to the state and the community that the university gives something back for the taxes that fund it."

An intense yet easy-going man, Rosset said his organization is "very concerned" about a deal the College of Natural Resources at Berkeley recently made with Novartis, a Swiss-based biotechnology firm — the second largest in the world.

Novartis develops bio-engineered crop varieties that are resistant to herbicides.

These crops contain pesticides within them that pose many risks both to human health and the environment, according to Rosset.

"There's some data that suggests some of these products may cause a variety of different health problems," Rosset said, "including the creation of new food allergens, and possibly carcinogens."

Some early studies suggest certain individuals may also develop physical resistance to antibiotics as a result of such products.

"Certainly there's enough evidence to make us be concerned and hold off a little while until we study such technology more," Ros-

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—Peter Rosset, Food First Director

set said.

## UC-corporate partnership

According to Rosset, UC's College of Natural Resources entered into a semi-exclusive partnership with Novartis.

"That company gets to determine the direction of the research and the results," he said. Such research "cannot be disclosed, made public, published or shared without written permission from Novartis."

"What this does is it takes public sector money that funds a public institution and allows that institution to be captured and used for private profit. It also stops the free flow of information about scientific ideas," Rosset said.

"The agreement prohibits Berkeley scientists from sharing any of the scientific information generated without going through a complicated written disclosure process beforehand with Novartis."

The long-term impact of such an agreement may be profound, according to the author.

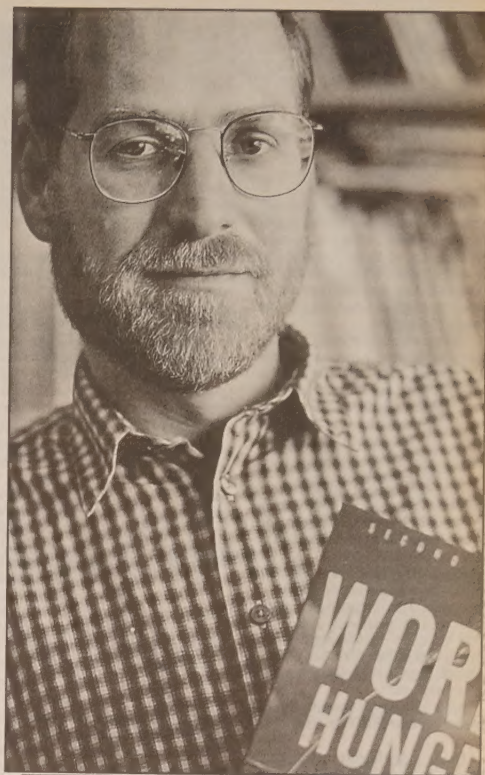
"Biotechnology may be the dominant technology that the world has to confront in the next century, just as chemicals were in this century."

## Disinterested science

"How can government agencies, such as the EPA and the Food and Drug Administration, effectively regulate a technology if there is not good, objective, disinterested research about its effects and impacts?" Rosset asked.

"That's the kind of research one would expect to come from the leading public sector research institutions like UC Berkeley."

"How can we expect disinterested science to come from an institution joined into a financial



FOOD FIRST director Peter Rosset of Albany holds the nonprofit's newest publication, "World Hunger." The group contends that the means to end hunger worldwide is already within reach.

that require study?"

## Crossing nature

Biotechnology poses an ever-clearer threat to the environment, the scientist contends.

"When we put these genetically engineered plants out into the environment and plant them, these genes that have been moved around can easily jump into wild plant species through cross-pollination," Rosset said.

"A gene may not be restricted to the species that scientists have put it into. When it's in a different species it can have a dramatically different impact than that where it's been studied."

Rosset calls such potential threats "genetic pollution."

He pointed to research now being done by Monsanto as an example of the dangers of such technology.

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## The terminator gene

"Monsanto is developing a technology called the terminator technology, a gene that makes plants produce sterile seeds. That's a way they can force farmers in the future to have to come to Monsanto to buy their seeds instead of saving seeds and replanting them."

"If they put out these crops with this terminator gene in them, pollen from these plants can spread into wild plant species potentially causing their extinction," Rosset said.

"Locally developed and adapted corn plants grown near fields with the terminator gene could be wiped out. It's very scary stuff."

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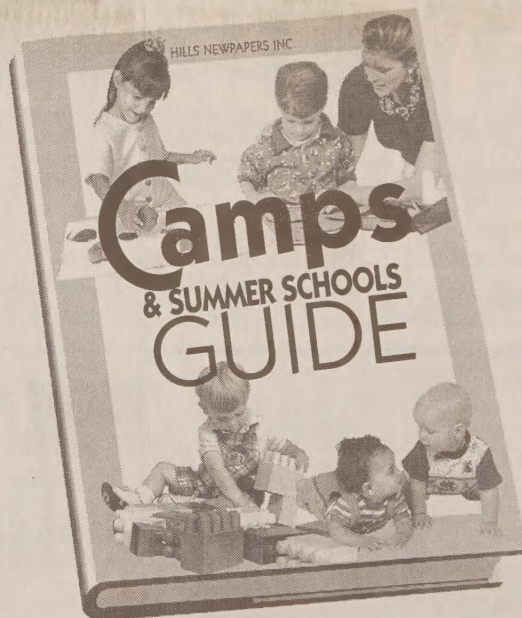
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# Struggle for equality isn't over

## A talk with Chicano Power Movement figure Dr. Carlos Munoz

By James Carter

ALBANY — Dr. Carlos Muñoz Jr. is the son of Mexican immigrants. Born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in the barrios of East Los Angeles, Muñoz was one of the leaders of the 1968 East Los Angeles high school walkouts that launched the Chicano Power Movement.

Muñoz was the founding chair of the first Mexican American Studies Department in the nation, established at the California State University at Los Angeles. His first book, "Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement," won the Gustavus Myers Book Award, and is in its seventh printing.

A resident of Albany where his son attends public school, Muñoz is a full professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at UC-Berkeley. He is working on two books called "Multiracial Democracy or Apartheid: America's Choice for the 21st Century," and a biography, "The Life & Times of Ernesto Galarza."

Muñoz is also preparing an updated edition of his first book called "The '60s Chicano Movement," where, among other things, he has added a new chapter on the role of women in the movement.

After 30 years of teaching, Muñoz is retiring from Cal this year.

**Q:** As a professor at Cal and a leader in the Civil Rights Movement, what do you think about the continuing controversy about affirmative action?

**A:** As a member of the ACLU board of directors, I can tell you that we're in the courts, fighting for affirmative action at this very minute. We just sued the university — the U.C. regents, the president of the university, the chancellor here at Berkeley — everyone who is responsible for developing a new admissions process that denies African American, Latino and Filipino Americans equal access to this university. Over 1,000 students of color qualified for admission here were turned away last fall. They all had 4.0 grade point averages or better, and did well on their SATs. But they were denied admission because their high schools did not of-

fer so-called "advanced placement courses," and they were penalized for that. That tells me there is not a level playing field for everybody trying to get into the university.

Right now, for example, Berkeley High School has a tracking system where black and Latino kids, for the most part, end up in courses that are not college prep courses. You find a sprinkling of black and Latino kids in so-called honors classes or advanced placement classes. So even in Berkeley — which is more multicultural than any other area I can think of — even here it's a problem.

Let me say in personal terms that when I joined the university of California faculty almost 30 years ago, I was only one of six Mexican American faculty in the system. We had one here in Berkeley, two at UCLA, and one at Irvine, San Diego, and Riverside. That's it. Big deal. And the only reason we could come into the faculty was because of the Chicano student movement, who raised hell and made it possible for us to come in. They had to create ethnic studies programs because of student demands.

We came in to build those academic programs. We also worked hard to help develop affirmative action, but we didn't call it that back then — we called it an equal opportunity program. That was truly the affirmative action that we had in mind, being that from 1968 to 1972, the university began to open its doors to high potential kids that didn't have the GPA required to attend but came in on the

basis of other criteria that indicated these kids had the brains to get in and do well and graduate and so forth.

**Q:** Have things changed much since then? Is there a level playing field now, or is racism alive and well in the United States?

I think that racism is not only alive and well, but in many ways it's even more insidious and vulgar now than it was back then. I think it's worse now because the racists have been able to co-opt the language of the Civil Rights Movement — co-opt the words of Dr. King, for example, and put them into their propaganda, a move that has been used in state initiatives like 209, 187 and 227, initiatives that are very definitely based on racist, anti-immigrant, anti-people of color ideas.

The sad thing about it from my perspective is that now we have people of color like Ward Connerly — who happens to be African American — working in the interests of the right wing in this country.

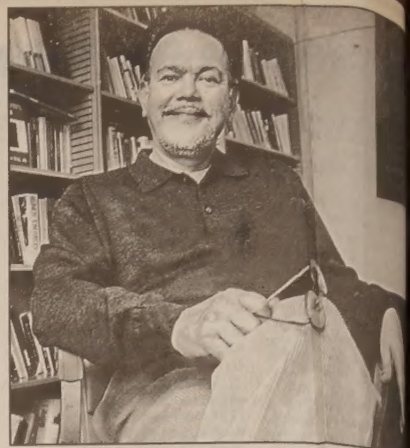
I can tell you for a fact that from my experience over the past 30 years, we are a long ways from reaching the fair, level playing field that the right wing suggests exists. We have not reached a juncture in terms of access to higher education that I can say even comes even halfway to being equitable for young people of color in the UC system. So the issue of affirmative action remains very pressing.

I also think the affirmative action

issue has been racialized by the right wing to generate fear among some white people in this state. No mention is ever made of the gender issue or the fact that under affirmative action, for example, white women in particular made the most inroads in terms of access to higher education and in other levels of society. No mention was ever made of that during the campaign for 209. That initiative was never defined as a gender issue either.

The right wing also attempted to make affirmative action a class issue. Now, the Republicans — one of the things that impressed me during the whole issue of 209 was how Ward Connerly, in particular, was defining the issue in class terms. Never did I ever dream that I would hear a conservative, right-wing Republican talk like a Marxist! That's why I say things are worse now than before, because in the '60s, for example, it was clearcut to activists who the enemy was, in small part through the language being used by the enemy and us.

And that's another thing... I think that most people in the state of California have been conditioned to accept the terminology of the right wing. (Proposition) 209 was never defined as an issue by the right wing of affirmative action. It was defined as an issue of "ending racial preferences."



DR. CARLOS MUÑOZ, discussed his views in an interview in the Albany home.

And the liberals bought into it, everybody bought into it — the press in general has been covering everything about the affirmative action struggle in terms of "racial preferences."

To me it's not an issue of racial preferences for people of color. The reality is that historically, there has been racial preferences for white people. That never enters into the debate. And even progressives have a hard time with that, to be able to say "hey, there has been racial preference."

All you have to do is look around, look around at who's in charge of our governments, from local and federal, who's in charge of the corporations,

who's in charge of our universities. And I want to add how women being treated also. It's not only a question of racism, but it's also a question of sexism. There's a wealthy male patriarchy in charge of this country that continues to put women in a subordinate position to men.

**Q:** Regarding admission to the university, Gov. Davis has proposed a compromise 4 percent plan that he says will resolve the issue. What do you think of that proposal?

First of all, the 4 percent

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# Business seminar tickets available

Members of the community have the chance to attend a business seminar on Friday, March 31, at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce office, 10848 San Pablo Ave., from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The local business association is sponsoring this event, which will be held from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce office, 10848 San Pablo Ave.

The seminar titled "Shape Your Future" will be presented by the Pacific Bell Directory's Small Business Development Center, a national educational consultant for small businesses.

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The event, to be held in the former Miller's Outpost Store across from Longs Drugs, will get underway at 3 p.m. sharp. Youngsters are being warned to come early so they won't miss the start and be left behind.

The first 20 children to show up for this event will be given baskets in which to place all the eggs they find.

**Benefit breakfast**

Tickets are now available for a benefit breakfast to be staged by the El Cerrito-Albany Masonic Lodge, associate member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

This event is being held from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, April 25 at the Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., to raise money for the organization's building maintenance fund.

Tickets at \$3 for youngsters and \$5 for adults, may be obtained from any member of the Building Association or by contacting secretary Larry Kegel at 236-7712.

The menu for this event includes juice, pancakes, sausage, eggs, and coffee or tea.

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## El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinertnick

The Promotion Factory manufactures advertising specialties such as pens, badges, embroidered emblems, key chains, pins, medals and mugs along with a complete line of awards and plaques. Owned and operated by Alan Freedman, the firm is located at 1432 Kearney St.

The Chamber is also happy to report that two present members — Speedee Oil Change at 10175 San Pablo Ave. and the East Bay Municipal and Utility District has shown their support for this organization by reinvesting for another year.

### A golden opportunity

Response to advertising in the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce 1999 Business Directory and Shopping Guide is reported to be quite good.

Even though ad sales have just begun, that's what is being reported by sales representatives of Courtland Publishing Company, the firm selected to put out the new directory.

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ON HAND for the gala ribbon-cutting ceremony that recently marked the grand opening of the Walgreen's Drug Store in Del Norte Marketplace are acting Fire Chief Mark Scott, Walgreen's District Manager Gordon McAdams, store manager Damian Smith, Chamber President Bill Kerber, assistants store manager Rachel

with donations to the local Earth Day celebration scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

Since Earth Day activities are funded primarily by local donations, the business community is being asked to provide cash, food or materials for this year's event.

The 1999 Earth Day will focus on sprucing up the grounds of El Cerrito High School, tree planting in residential areas, cleanup of San Pablo Avenue and neighborhood park cleanup. Business owners and employees are being invited to join community volunteers in working on any of these projects.

Members wishing to make a donation to this event may do so by mailing it to Earth Day, El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Calif., 94530, or by contacting the Earth Day Committee at 215-4382.

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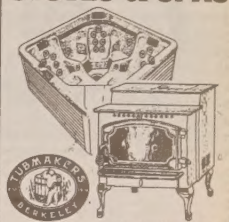
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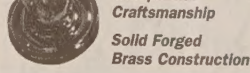
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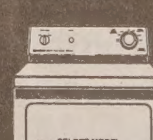
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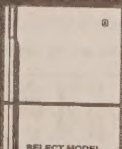


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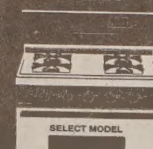
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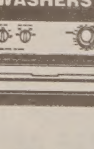
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Activities centered on the concept to 100 were much in evidence in classrooms at Marin, Cornell and Vista-MacGregor, and at least one PTA based a major fund raiser on the 100th day observance.

The Albany Education Foundation observed the 100th Day in multiples by presenting a brand new book to each of the (slightly more than) 200 kindergartners in Albany.

As a result of a generous donation by A Clean Well-lighted Place

for Books in San Francisco, the Foundation presented copies of more than 20 titles to the kindergarten children and their families.

In return, the families were asked to "donate" their books to their schools when they finish using them. Books may be given to the child's classroom book collection or presented to the school library.

Margaret Simpson, parent of two Albany students and manager of a Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books said, "We are delighted to participate in this opportunity to bring more books into Albany Schools.

The Albany Education Foundation's leadership on this project is an example of how AEF can positively impact resources in Albany schools."

Classroom and school library book collections in Albany, as in most school districts around the state, are in dire need of updating and refreshing with new titles and replacement volumes for worn books.

Donations to the Foundation may be sent to AEF, 1320 Solano Ave. Suite 102, Albany, CA 94706. Checks should be made to AEF.

## Saturday driver's license ho at El Cerrito DMV

Effective April 3, the El Cerrito California Department of Motor Vehicles Office will be open, for driver license transactions only, on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The service will be offered during the reconstruction of the Oakland Claremont field office which is expected to reopen in December.

The office provides both vehicle registration and driver license ser-

vices Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Wednesdays when the office opens at 9 a.m.

Under temporary arrangements, El Cerrito had provided both registration and driver licensing services since the Nov. 30 closure of the Claremont office. The last Saturday they will offer registration services will be March 27.

To expedite service and speed vis-

its, DMV officials need motorists call ahead to get needed forms, information, appointment. Many especially those related to registrations, can be handled. Appointments are made 3-5 business days by telephone. Monday through Saturday 5 p.m. except Wednesday. Service begins at 9 a.m.

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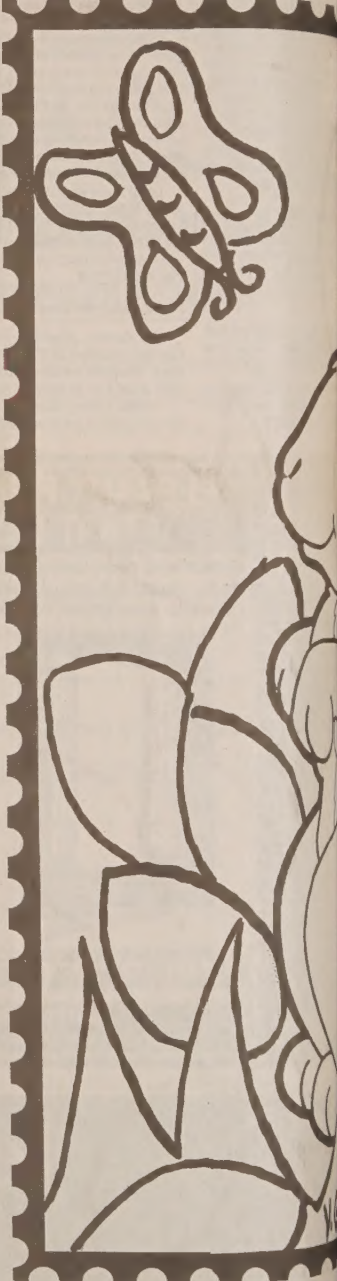
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## Snappshots

By Martin Snapp

Gene Autry that seemed to last longer than their careers.

Most of all, I wish Elia Kazan hadn't squandered his dramatic opportunity. If only he'd either apologized for what he did or told his critics to stuff it! Either way, what a moment it would have been!

But nobody did anything, said anything, or wore anything that was spectacularly awful, which is my meat and potatoes. Except for Helen Hunt, whose mascara looked like she'd just come from the set of a remake of "Night of the Living Dead," the makeup jobs were relatively restrained.

Ditto the hairdos (except Robert DiNiro's, which looked like the creature from "Alien" was growing out of the top of his head.). And when even Geena Davis showed up in a halfway decent dress, I knew I was in serious trouble. Where was Cher when I

needed her?

As the evening dragged on, my panic kept rising. What was I going to do? What new and interesting thing would I find to tell you about the show?

In desperation, I called my expert in these matters, the person with whom I've been watching Academy Awards and Miss America Pageants since I was five years old: my sister, who lives in Tinseltown. And like the 7th Cavalry in "Stagecoach," she came to my rescue.

"The big fashion story from this year's Oscars," she pronounced, "is that all the actresses are Monica wannabees. Did you notice the slicked-back hairdos Gwyneth Paltrow and all the rest were wearing? That's the hairdo Monica wore for her Barbara Walters interview. The next day, it started showing up on Rodeo Drive. Monica has become the fashion model for Hollywood."

Actually, our family has a slight connection to the Kazan flap. When I was a kid growing up in L.A. back in the early '50s,

there was a very nice man named Hal Smith who swept the floor of our father's warehouse.

Years later, Dad revealed to me that Hal was one of the screenwriters who were blacklisted during the McCarthy years. Sweeping my dad's warehouse was the only job he could get, and my dad was sticking his own neck out by giving it to him.

By the end of the decade the witch hunting had abated enough for Hal to get work as a screenwriter again, and he won the Oscar in 1959 for writing "The Defiant Ones."

The next day, Hedda Hopper wrote in The Hollywood Reporter, "Since our Academy now makes it legal for Communist writers to receive Oscars, some past winners, who are as bitter about this as I, tell me they'll return theirs." (Nobody did.) Ironically, some of the blacklisted writers actually were Communists, and some of them did try to sneak a little propaganda into their screenplays. The joke was how inept they were at it.

Dalton Trumbo, one of the Hollywood Ten, writes in his memoirs about the time a

fellow screenwriter called him excitedly and said, "I did it! I finally got some propaganda into the movie I'm writing!" "How?" asked Trumbo.

"Well," replied the guy, "you know that scene where the hero writes a letter and walks to the mailbox on the corner to post it? While he's walking to the mailbox, I have him whistling a few bars from 'The Internationale!'"

And that, boys and girls, was the sum total of the Red Menace.

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In other show biz news, guess who called in response to my recent column about George and Ira Gershwin? Ira's nephew, Mike Strumsky! (Technically, he's the nephew of Ira's wife Leonore, but it comes to the same thing.)

He's also the executor of the Ira and Leonore Gershwin Trusts, which means anyone who wants to perform a Gershwin musical has to get his permission (as the Lamplighters did when they did "Of Thee I Sing" earlier this year).

Anyway, he says he loved the column, except for one teeny-weezy mistake: The part I wrote about Ira having a great relationship with his kids.

"If he had had any kids, I'm sure he would have had a great relationship with them," says Strumsky. "But he and Leonore were childless. Why do you think I'm the executor?" Oooh! As Ira would say, ding-dang it.

Meanwhile, Berkeley's Dennis Kuby noticed a boo-boo in my column about the late Boalt Law School professor (and proud Harvard man), Stefan Riesenfeld; namely, the headline - "A Most Unique Professor."

"Didn't they teach you better English than that at Yale?" he asks. "You can't be most unique. Either you're unique or you're not." Correct, Dennis. But I plead not guilty. What you may not know is that reporters don't write their own headlines. That one was written by some editor on the copy desk.

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# From Evergreen Terrace into the future

The Bard of Bart: Matt Groening, creator of "The Simpsons," is almost singlehandedly responsible for the current wave of prime-time animation, probably television's most promising trend right now. His funny new show, "Futurama," debuts Sunday night at 8:30 on Fox, and Groening deserves a lot of credit for raising the bar, quality-wise, on animated series.

Adult "cartoons" like "The Simpsons," "King of the Hill" and "Dilbert" have one thing in common: They're all generally well-written, clever, and well-acted (Acting? In a cartoon? More on that in a minute).

"Futurama," which moves to Tuesdays in two weeks, is up there with "The Simpsons," quality-wise. It also introduces viewers to the TV season's funniest new character, a drunken robot named Bender.

I'm always surprised by the number of otherwise discriminating viewers who tell me they've never watched "The Simpsons" because it's animated. An Alameda reader was telling me the same thing the other day. "It's just a cartoon," she said. Yes, but a splendidly done one, I replied. And Bill Mauldin, to cite but one example, won a Pulitzer Prize for cartoons.

KBHK-TV general manager Jerry

## Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

Braet carries the show an hour each weeknight between 6 and 7. Channel 44 exec Braet says flatly, "The Simpsons" is one of the two best-written shows on TV right now. The other is NBC's "Frasier," I agree.

If you haven't been watching "The Simpsons," you've been missing out on some of the most incisive satire ever seen on the medium. Two recent Groening spoofs of sport utility vehicles on "The Simpsons" were priceless. And Groening, whose weekly "Life in Hell" is still one of the cleverest newspaper strips going, started lampooning Christian fundamentalists back when it took courage to do that on network TV.

Samatha Paris, founder of VoiceTrax over in Sausalito — she's cast voice roles for many major commercials and numerous network cartoon shows — told me recently, "The Simpsons brought adults back to animation." "The Simpsons" is also the longest-running comedy on television, and it was Fox's first hit series when it debuted a decade ago. Nationally known cartoon historian and cartoonists' agent Mark Cohen,

based in Santa Rosa, says flatly, "The Simpsons" was the production that revolutionized television satire. Things that would not have been allowed by censors in a live-action series were made acceptable only because they were performed by cartoon characters. Cohen added: "There's a brutal honesty to Groening's work."

Like that sign for visitors that hangs above the door of the rest home where Grandpa Simpson lives. You have to look quickly to see it — just as you had to look closely to see some of the best material in the old Mad magazine. The sign reads: "Thank You For Not Discussing The Outside World."

When the talented handful of voice actors who do the 40-50 recurring characters on "The Simpsons" threatened a walkout last year in a salary dispute, Fox asked Paris' VoiceTrax to conduct a nationwide talent hunt. This put Paris in an awkward position, since she knows most of the voice actors on the Fox show and is also a close friend of Nancy Cartwright, the voice of Bart Simpson.

The threatened strike was settled, and Cartwright and Paris remain friends. In fact, Cartwright is flying

up from L.A. to do a seminar at VoiceTrax this weekend.

"The voice isn't what you look for first when you're casting characters," Paris explains, which is a bit surprising. "It's acting talent. You have to be able to put a part of yourself into a character. And all the 'Simpsons' cast are fine actors." (In fact, several, including Julie Kavner, Marge's voice, and Dan Castellaneta (Homer) have co-starred on live-action comedies.)

Put good acting and good writing together, and you'll inevitably get a strong movie or TV show. (And Groening's animation is certainly nothing special.)

And Sunday's first "Futurama" has both. In this new comedy, Fry, a pizza-delivery dude (voiced by Billy West, who voiced both Ren and Stimpy) awakens in the year 3000 after a cryo-nap. Katey Sagal (Peg Bundy on "Married With Children") returns to Fox Sunday night as the voice of a purple-haired cyclops and kick-ass babe named Leela, and Sagal's warm voice is a perfect fit.

But it's the sullen Bender, a bitter, disillusioned robot, who really steals the show. He's hilarious. And casting New York stand-up comic John DiMaggio as the voice of Ben-

der was a master stroke.

Bender's always ready for a belt, and his level of inebriation varies from scene to scene.

Having a live actor playing a drunk probably wouldn't be allowed in today's more politically correct times.

Besides, a real actor couldn't belch flames after downing a beer the way Bender does. But in a cartoon character, it works wonderfully. I laughed out loud several times at Bender's bluntness and his bad attitude.

Groening's unique subversive, intelligent take on things doesn't so much predict the future in "Futurama" as have fun with it. But I think I can safely predict a rosey future for this new series — thanks largely to that wasted robot.

And The Loser Is ... OK, it's unseemly to boast, but in my column last week, I did get almost all of my predictions right in the five major categories at the Academy Awards. And it should be no surprise that a show hosted by Whoopi Goldberg would drop sharply in the Nielsen — something else I alluded to here last week.

As I told KGO Radio's Ron Owens on his post-Oscar show this

week, Goldberg felt right at home during Oscar's tribute to her — because there was another star on stage.

The talent-impaired Goldberg tried to pass off crassness as gaiety for years as urban legend, and it didn't play in Middle America. This no-class actress couldn't clever if her life depended on it.

Talk about the emperor's new clothes. I hear the only reason she didn't come disguised in the scale model of the Globe that they used in "Shakespeare in Love" was because Whoopi wouldn't wear the costume.

I never thought I'd say it, but even Billy Crystal would have been an improvement.

As for Gwyneth Paltrow, she won Best Actress last year, but I didn't see that much crying during her acceptance speech since Hollywood tried to get Elizabeth Hurley to accept his apology. However, she did contain more water than Gwyneth. And what WAS that small crowd perched atop Robert DeNiro's head?

(Questions? Comments? Write Bill Mann at Newsmann@comcast.net)

## REUNIONS

Berkeley High School, Class of 1979, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Oakland. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

El Cerrito High School, Class of 1979, is organizing its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Miramonte High School, Class of 1979, is searching for alumni for its 20-year reunion, which is scheduled for July 24-25, 1999, in the Walnut Creek area. Contact Ellie Kessler Vierra, reunion committee coordinator, at 1-916-933-1826, or e-mail at gmeredit@sonic.net.

China-Burma-India Veterans Association is organizing its 52nd annual reunion for Sept. 1-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio. For information, contact Melvin McMullen, 120 W. 49th St., San Bernardino (92407-3202).

USS Maddox destroyer crew members are planning a reunion for Sept. 8-12 in Norfolk, Va. Contact

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Ygnacio Valley High School, Class of 1979, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Reunion Masters at 1-408-448-7888 or 1-800-359-7888.

El Cerrito High School, Class of 1979, is organizing its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Polytechnic High School, classes of fall 1948, spring 1949 and fall 1949, in San Francisco is planning its 50-year anniversary for October. For information, contact Dick and Marylou (Emerson) Ellis at 1-925-672-4753.

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## Workplace classroom

High School senior Natasha Thomas spent a recent work day with travel consultant Jane Del Simone at Full Circle Travel as part of the Rotary Club of El Cerrito's Job Shadow Program. They are joined by teacher Brenda Beteta of the ECHS regional occupation program. Thomas has set her sights on a career in the performing arts, and she would "like to work in a business office if that doesn't work out," she said. The exposure she received to a day on the job was "great." This is the fourth year Full Circle has participated in the program, and it "has been very successful," Del Simone said. Students spent the day learning from professionals taking

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Street reported that his 1983 Ford Thunderbird had been into during the night. There were no witnesses.

About 8:30 p.m. on March 20, about on the 1300 block of Porterville Avenue, a man standing in the street from the Albany man reportedly opened the car, climbed onto the roof of the car and went to sleep. Officers responded to the 22-year-old Richmond man found him to be intoxicated when sober.

In the afternoon of March 21, officers responded to the Beverly Hills area on the 800

block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a shoplifter who was being detained. Officers arrested the 24-year-old Oakland woman. When she complained of shoulder pain, she was transported to Highland Hospital for medical attention and then taken to Santa Rita jail.

During the week of March 14 Albany officers towed eight cars, responded to 11 false alarms, attended to four lost or deceased animals, assisted 11 people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to four reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to nine reports of civil disturbances and 55 Civil Assists. Albany officers stopped 59 vehicles issuing 26 citations and 33 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to 11 medical emergencies.

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## WEST COUNTY SCHOOL WATCH

# Castro PTA sets Garden Sale and Carnival

By Glen Price

The Castro Elementary School PTA invites the greater Castro community and friends to its Garden Sale and Carnival.

Share your day with Castro teachers and families, start your spring garden plans, and enjoy food and activities for all ages.

Many local garden centers and national plant catalog companies have donated a variety of great items for the Garden Sale to be held, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

Come early to the School Multipurpose room at 1435 Lawrence St.

in El Cerrito for the best selection. Garden experts will be on hand to answer questions and help with plant choices. Coffee and donuts will also be available.

The Carnival will begin at 10 a.m. in the upper school yard at the corner of Donal and Lawrence streets and will be open until 2 p.m.

Activities include: face painting, temporary tattoos, origami, basketball musical chairs, wheel of fortune, creative crafts, wacky contests, games, races and a bake sale.

Barbecued hot dogs, chips and sodas will be available for lunch along with assorted snack food. All pro-

ceeds will benefit Castro PTA educational enhancement programs for students.

This event will take place rain or shine. Call 236-4321 for more information.

### Learn-ASAP open house tonight

Learn-ASAP, an after-school academic program serving limited-English-proficient refugee and minority youth in West Contra Costa County, will host an open house on Thursday, March 25 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All are invited to meet volunteers, staff and students, and to see the pro-

gram in action. This is a great opportunity to see how the community is helping to improve the quality of education for students in our area. In addition, visitors will be treated to Laotian cuisine and a performance by a local Lao dance troupe. Learn-ASAP is located in Grace Lutheran Church at 24th and Barrett across from the Richmond Civic Center. For more information, please call 510/215-2728.

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## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

### Albany PTA Council

March 29, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., a.m.S Library

### Albany High School

■ **SCRIP Orders:** Support AHS by buying Safeway Andromed's or Lucky certificates. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429

■ **Site Council News:** Parent surveys have been compiled into a report, which will be presented at May PTA meeting. Copies of the survey report available now in AHS office and library. Applications are now available in AHS office for funding proposals for next school year. Applications are due April 13. There is nearly \$80,000 available. Teachers, students and parents may apply for Site Council funding.

Questions? Call Joan Larson at 526-7769.

■ **Saturday March 27, Beautification Workday, 10 a.m., outside AHS library, bring your favorite gardening tools. If it rains, workday will be held Sunday March 28.**

### Albany Middle School

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### Vista-MacGregor Primary School

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March 31, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., 1604 Solano Ave., Albany (Law Office of Robert Cheasty). VOTE YES

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### Albany Education Foundation

April 11, buffet brunch at Christopher's Cafe, 10:30-1:30. Tickets are \$28 to benefit AEF. Tickets can be purchased at Christopher's Cafe, 1501-A Solano or by calling AEF at 524-7797.

### July 4 Celebration at Memorial Park

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### AUSD Board of Education

April 13, 6-7:30 p.m., full joint meeting of the City Council and Albany Unified School District, Cornell School Multi-Purpose Room.

7 p.m., Regular Board Meeting

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## Finding happiness after paying some horrific dues

Last week we met Miriam Gerber, nee Sondheimer, a Holocaust survivor, whose story is quite different from those tragic tales we are beginning to know all too well. Her tale, still tragic and a horror to remember, started in Worms, Germany, where she was born. It told of all the Jewish children being denied the regular community school; of the Jewish people starting their own school; of being forced out of their apartment, moving to Heidelberg, and of the entire Jewish population of that area being sent to a French concentration camp in the French Pyrenees.

The constant hunger, the cold, the terrible mud which often reached their knees, the dysentery that killed so many of their people, and caused such misery to others, and the lice, all these were curses that Miriam remembers with horror.

One positive thing about this camp was the fact that they were able to keep in touch with relatives in New York. Both her mother and father had brothers in that city, one of which, her father's brother, was a long time American citizen and had been American Council in Baden. It was he who had a friend in the Jewish Distribution Committee — the JDC that did so much to help Jewish people whom they could reach during that dreadful time.

The JDC was establishing relations with the Dominican Republic, the only country at the time that said it would accept Jews. As a matter of fact, the Dominican Republic said it would accept 100,000 people. For various reasons only about 1,000 people were able to, could, or would take advantage of this.

The brother's friend was named the director of that settlement, and through his efforts they received a letter from the Dominican Consulate, as a result of which her mother, father and their children were released to go to that country. Her grandparents were sent to another camp, in France near the Swiss border, that was supposed to be better for older people. Her grandfather died there, but her grandmother did survive and was able to go to New York after the war. People were saved there, but no one wants to talk about it. Miriam is still researching it.

After their suffering in the Gurs camp, the Dominican Republic was heaven. They found it to be one of the few countries in the world where there was no anti-Semitism. The people, she tells us, were gracious and wonderful. "We had never even heard of the Dominican Republic," she says, "And all of a sudden we were there."

Life in the settlement was a little like life in a kibbutz. The people were being prepared to go out

### Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

on their own to farms. They farmed in little groups. Mostly it was young men who were accepted there. In fact, there were about 10 men to one girl, "which made it an interesting social life."

In the beginning life was a little primitive. They did have out-houses, but there was never a problem about not having enough to eat, and they were given about \$3 a month per person. It was its own little community with a school, hospital, bakery, butcher and even arts and crafts. Everyone was expected to do some work, of course.

When they did get farms they found that the best kind were dairy farms. They formed a dairy cooperative, which became very successful over the years, and had a wonderful reputation in the country for its products. Of course, it took quite a few years, during which time many of the people

left. There were the usual personal problems in the settlement, but once so many had left it became truly a little community. All the old animosities were forgotten and people only remembered the community they had in the Dominican Republic, and stayed in touch. They have had annual meetings and get together in New York, Miami, and Los Angeles. They also have reunions in Sosua — the settlement which has now become a resort area. In fact, the lovely beach they once had to themselves has become a popular area, especially for Germans, with many hotels. It has an airport now, and a cemetery and a little museum. Miriam and her sister went back there in 1990 for the 50th anniversary.

Miriam lived there for five years, then joined relatives in New York. But life in New York was very difficult. There were so many adaptations, so much change. In the Dominican Republic she had worked as a nurse and in a nursery school. In New York she took

care of new born babies, to make money to bring her parents to the U.S.

For the rest, she shrugs: Work as a dental assistant, a nervous breakdown, and starting over again. She went to commercial school to become a secretary, married, had Gabriel, divorced, remarried and lost that husband. She came to the Bay Area to be near her son and, finally, his children. "I paid my dues," she says, and adds, "This is probably the happiest time of my life."

She is right. She paid her dues. The happiness she has now is well deserved. We salute her and wish her continued happiness.

I truly enjoyed getting to know this vital, active woman. She spoke recently to a Jewish group of her return visit to Germany, and that is another story.

Again, give me your interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.



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The site will be the "almost historic" Mira Vista Country Club (founded 1920) in El Cerrito, Wednesday, April 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Last year 250 women who had graduated from Berkeley High 50 or more years ago gathered at Spenger's. More are expected this year. Reservations are necessary as space is limited to 290.

Honored guest will be Virginia Travis Bartlett, class of 1925, who will be accompanied by her niece, Margery Treverrow, who graduated from Berkeley High in 1958. Mrs. Bartlett still resides in Berkeley.

Graduates are traveling from all parts of the state to attend. Margaret Fay Williamson, class of '44, will come from Ukiah to act as mistress of ceremonies. The Berkeley School System will be represented by Mary Friedman, director of the Berkeley Public Education Foundation.

For further information contact event chairman, Norma O'Connell Gray, '44, at 524-6877.

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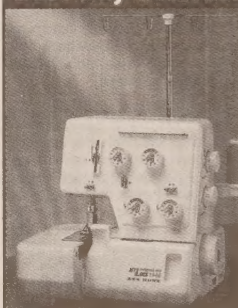
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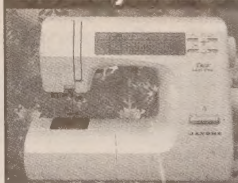
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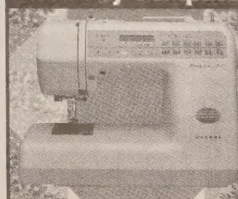
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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### The rest of the redevelopment report story

By Brad Castel

El Cerrito 21st Century Committee report on redevelopment project of the story. Here's the

the City should transition from redevelopment to economic development. An economic development staff person could work with the community in preparing an economic development plan, assisting our existing merchants who want to stay and expand, and attracting compatible new busi-

nesses, the Redevelopment Agency should pay the cost of this project, so the City general fund would bear this expense.

Second, the Agency should cover City staff expenses by continuing to make payments to the City of approximately \$200,000 each year. This helps balance the City budget. Third, the Agency should repay the City with funds to be used as a result of the owners' revitalization. Debt repayment was accomplished in about the same period the Committee Recommendations. This helps balance the City budget.

With these payments from the City the City could assist small-

scale, homegrown local businesses and attract compatible new businesses that do not demand huge subsidies, but that would add much to our economic vitality, shopping experience, and sales tax base. Redevelopment would become a financing tool to be used when appropriate in implementing a broader economic development plan.

The Committee Report leaves out this part of the story. The Report criticizes redevelopment without discussing the positive benefits of using Agency resources for economic development. The Report recommends a redevelopment hiatus but does not recommend a transition to economic development, even though the Agency can provide funds for both an economic development staff person and prompt repayment of its debt to the City.

El Cerrito needs to promptly prepare and implement an economic development plan that addresses community concerns and desires. We should support our business community, and attract new businesses that add to our economic vitality without detracting from our quality of life. Let's start with the Committee Report, and then add the rest of the story.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Not worth sitting through

Six, your failure to adequately cover the public meeting carefully planned and chaired by El Cerrito's executive planning director was a real disservice to many residents and its good government. Worse, you did not keep your favorite wealthy, meanspirited agent in a tight leash. Said Peter Loubal engaged in a five minute-plus diatribe against the city, its staff, public housing, redevelopment etc., etc., etc.

I wanted to stay and participate with the 25 or 30 others interested in contributing to the needs survey preliminary to the development of an updated general plan for the 21st century. I didn't challenge him verbally and thus also disrupt the meeting. Rather I gave him a dirty look and walked silently out of the council chambers to the applause of a goodly number of participants.

Dan Freudenthal  
El Cerrito

### Continue excellence in Albany Schools

Please vote Yes on June 8 for Measure A. Restore school programs that have been lost or reduced because of unreliable state funding and the costs of past decisions, inflation and increasing and fluctuating enrollment.

This measure will provide local tax revenues to pay exclusively the needs of Albany schools. These revenues will be spent as stated in the ballot Measure A language — on needed classes in science, math, music, drama and applied technology, on arts and counseling services and athletic programs. Don't rely on a state that has consistently failed to provide sufficient support to public schools and that currently demonstrates little tangible commitment to supporting that course. Our children are the major asset of our community.

They reward us with inspiring achievements in music, drama, art, science and so much more. Let's give them the support they need to reach their full potential. Vote YES for Measure A.

Allan T. Maris  
Albany

### Glitches remain on I-80 ramps

First of all thank you to Caltrans for the lights that show at the off ramp of Buchanan Street as I exit on 580 coming from the San Rafael Bridge. The lights make this exit much easier to maneuver.

Also have two other serious problems with that interchange.

After exiting 580 at Buchanan, coming from the San Rafael Bridge, when I get to the stop sign and turn left across the end of Buchanan that leads

to the entrance of I-80 going towards San Francisco, the sight distance is very bad due to the many pillars. In order to see if another car is coming, I have to go out into the on-coming lane of traffic.

It's safest at night when car lights are visible. Also there is no sign on the island saying "Keep Right" when you make the turn.

At 80 there is another problem with the same intersection. When I am going west on Buchanan to southbound on I-80, it is very difficult to see the turn to that on-ramp at night.

There are no lights at the intersection under the overpass, reflectors, etc. to show me exactly where to turn. Fortunately the last time I did it there was a car in front of me and I was able to follow that car. The time before I had to feel my way and it was extremely uncomfortable.

This intersection is extremely hazardous, an accident just waiting to happen. I hope Caltrans will make the driving of it safer for everyone.

Anne Smith

### Veterans monument ground breaking set

One of the main objectives of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is to promote patriotism among the citizens of their community at every opportunity.

As the wife, daughter, mother, sister or granddaughter of a veteran whose military service was in overseas wartime conditions, we work to assist the families of those who served.

Many of those families lost a loved one and many a serviceman came home disabled. Those sacrifices need to be remembered for all time.

With that in mind, the George F. Imbach Auxiliary #913, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is sponsoring and working with the City of El Cerrito in the erection of a long overdue veterans monument to veterans of all wars, past, present and future.

The El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee, chaired by one of our members, Esther Sergeant, is made up of volunteer residents and city staff members of El Cerrito, as well as from several surrounding communities.

The memorial committee has set Friday, May 28, for the ground breaking on the grounds of the El Cerrito City Hall, with a dedication scheduled for Veterans' Day.

The entire project is being funded by volunteer donations from civic groups and the local citizens. No city funds are being used.

If you would like to participate your donations may be sent to the El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, 94530.

Laverna Quarton, President  
George F. Imbach Auxiliary  
Veterans of Foreign Wars #913  
Albany

### Preparing kids without scaring them

In response to your article about recent child abduction attempts in El Cerrito ("Parents, students urged to be on the Alert" March 11), I am writing as a parent considering the issue of child safety.

Each time an incident like this happens, we parents are warned to "stay alert" and to tell kids to "walk in groups", while school officials and police try to reassure us with soothing statements about how they are doing the best they can to protect our kids.

In the accompanying letter from Gloria L. Johnston, the WCUSD superintendent offered tips from the National Crime Prevention Council but acknowledged that "discussing personal safety with children is often a delicate balance of teaching them to be aware of possible dangers without overstimulating them (and our own) anxieties".

In light of the difficulty teaching of safety to our kids, I'd like to recommend a nonprofit organization called KIDPOWER that recently made a presentation to my daughters' elementary school.

Erika Holmes, a former Albany middle school teacher, taught parents and teachers how to teach practical safety skills to children using simple techniques and practice sessions.

After the brief training, I was able to go home and practice role-plays with my child that showed her how to deal safely with real life situations, without frightening her with "the gory details".

Whether or not the perpetrators in El Cerrito are apprehended, we have to face the fact that there are people in our community who will try to harm kids.

If more schools and parent organizations invite groups like KIDPOWER out to do trainings, we would be taking a positive step towards prevention of incidents like these.

As for the girl who "kicked the suspect and ran to safety," she ought to be praised as a role model for good safety skills.

For your information: Erika Holmes and KIDPOWER can be reached at 233-4655.

Janna Katz  
Albany parent

### Aliens must be behind idea

In reading Sidney Steinberg's assault on the excesses of eco-freaks (Journal, March 11) I was struck by his comment that "... 100 percent of our children are brainwashed."

Given the number of kids that I have met who litter fast-food wrappings all over and who can hardly wait to be old enough to get a car I got the sudden horrible thought that if Mr. Steinberg is right these cannot be our kids!

If we have been invaded by aliens, and Steinberg

is one of them, it would explain a lot of his comments. Cut down a 300-foot tree. You can probably plant 20 or 30 baby trees in its place, and then you can claim that you have more trees.

We still have 95 percent open space? Clearly we should put housing in Death Valley and throughout the Sierra mountain range. After all, why did man invent heating and cooling systems?

Spreading people out more will give us more room for our cars, at least until the population increases.

We can put people in the central valley, too. We're a rich society, we should import our food and fibers. We don't need that agricultural land. Ditto with the Bay.

We don't need coastal or bay fishing, and gardens and houses are much nicer than that yucky Angel Island. The world is still a beautiful place.

Aliens just look at the here and now, because they can leave when things go bad. The rest of us have no such luxury.

Robert Clear  
Berkeley

### Veterans Memorial needs your support

The El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee invites you to join us in erecting a Veterans Memorial to honor those men and women who have served our country and to inspire generations to come.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council have given unanimous approval to the Veterans Memorial project.

The Memorial, to be located in the garden adjacent to City Hall, will include an inscribed monument, a bench, and a flagpole set in a base surrounded by living floral.

The flagpole will be designed to fly three flags and will be lighted so flags can be flown at night.

The committee already has received offers of donated materials and services. To cover the remaining costs, we must raise \$10,000. All money donated will go toward the construction and maintenance of the Memorial. As soon as the required funds are raised, construction will begin. Upon completion, a community dedication and celebration will be held.

We hope your generous donations will allow us to accomplish this by mid-1999. The Veterans Memorial will be built entirely with private donations. Your tax-deductible donations for this long-overdue remembrance will help make it a reality.

Please send your tax-deductible donations to: El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Fund, City of El Cerrito, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94539.

For more information please call Esther Sergeant at 510 524-7232, chairperson of El Cerrito Veterans Memorial Committee.

Thank you for your support.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787



## Roundabout planned for Gilman-I-80 interchange

By Marc Albert

BERKELEY — Industrial Gilman Street may be a far cry from Champs Elysee, but city officials think two traffic roundabouts will improve driving conditions and reduce truck traffic in adjoining residential areas.

Under the plan, Gilman Street vehicles will pass through two traffic circles, one east and one west of the freeway before reaching Golden Gate Fields. The plan is supposed to improve conditions at an almost anarchic intersection. The council last Tuesday voted to solicit state funds to pay for nearly \$100,000 in planning and design.

Caltrans officials said they think the city's plan can work and are waiting for more information.

Officials hope the proposal will solve one vexing problem for west Berkeley residents—trucks.

Residents have long complained that manufacturing in the area generates a booming cacophony of truck traffic. Officials in turn have demanded trucks use Eastshore Highway, the freeway's east frontage road, as a route to and from deliveries. The problem is, once motorists reach Eastshore Highway and Gilman Street

they face a stop sign, and an incessant stream of fast moving cars.

"If you're coming from the (east) frontage you're in for a struggle," explained Lynn Miller, a Caltrans senior engineer. Take yourself out of a peppy Toyota and into a slow accelerating diesel truck, and the struggle seems almost kamikaze. To avoid getting stuck, truck drivers use other routes including Sixth Street, irking residents.

The proposal calls for two roundabouts to steer traffic through the intersection of Gilman, freeway ramps and the two frontage roads. Two large round landscaped areas would deflect and slow Gilman Street traffic, allowing other road users to enter and exit without adding additional traffic lights, said Berkeley Traffic Engineer Charles Deleuw.

"Traffic circles allow traffic to merge and flow at a higher capacity than a traffic signal. If the conditions are right they are found to be an efficient design," Deleuw said.

The circles would also jibe with another proposal under study. Albany officials are considering reopening a link between Eastshore Highway and Buchanan Street. Currently the road dead ends.

## Albany preschoolers learn the value of pennies to the penniless

By James Carter

ALBANY — Four-year-old preschool students gathered around a yellow Lilliputian table and carefully counted pennies, one by one.

They dropped the coins into plastic bottles, thin lines and raised numbers showing them when they completed a roll. Their teacher, Doris Barrett, smiled as the kids studiously completed their project, the end result of a fund-raising drive for the Albany Children's Center in University Village.

For weeks, children filled large plastic bottles, cans and bags with coins discovered on street corners, behind the couch, retrieved from piggy banks and from between the sheets of their beds.

It was not the first time the center has sponsored the drive. The center had been doing it for 10 years. But this year, the children collected coins for a very special reason: they were giving their pennies to Harrison House, a homeless shelter in Berkeley where other kids lived.

Soon three women walked into the classroom, a little boy wearing a baseball cap in tow. They represented Harrison House. They were there to accept the children's gift and to thank them for what they did.

It wasn't long before the boy from the shelter was on the classroom carpet, a toy dinosaur in each hand.

Though just a child, he knew all about homelessness. Before he moved into Harrison House with his mother and sister, he lived in a car for two years.

Barrett, a teacher at the center for 35 years, gathered the youngsters together and introduced the visitors.

Carmel Melton, a parent/child care worker from the shelter, smiled as the children sat cross-legged on the carpet and did their best to pay attention, though the wind outside and the toys on the shelves distracted them.

Melton told them the pennies they saved would be used to help children like them who wouldn't have a place to live if not for the shelter.

The boy from Harrison House joined Melton and Betty Alcott as they squatted down to accept pennies offered by the preschoolers. The 5-year-old adjusted his cap and moved close to his mom as rolls and rolls of pennies were handed to them.

Altogether, over \$100 in coins were presented to the visitors from Harrison House. After the gifts were collected, most of the children went out to play in the yard. Though it was sunny outside, it was a bit chilly, and the preschoolers, aided by Bar-

rett, struggled into sweaters and jackets.

The adults took a deep breath. "To me, this type of thing is a very good motivation for children to help other children, especially homeless," Melton said. "It teaches them to care about other people and the community. That's a good thing, too."

"When kids learn about homelessness at this age, then when they get into grade school, and middle school and high school, they don't tease the kids that are homeless. A lot of our children are ashamed to tell their friends at school they are homeless. That's especially true for the teens."

"We really appreciate the kids doing this for us," Melton added. "They do a lot for us around Christmas time. They buy gifts. The center also opens slots for homeless children."

"To me, it's a very good motivation for children to help other children, especially homeless. It teaches them to care about other people and the community. That's a good thing, too."

Barrett agreed.

"I thought it was important that the children learn to share at an early age," she said. "It's also important for them to realize they are actually privileged and that there are people that don't have homes and don't have food. This is one

of the ways they can do that."

The other reason Harrison House decided to donate money to Harrison House is that a child attending school lived at the shelter for a year. The mom got on her feet, went through a training program and is now working, the teacher said. "So when we decided to do the penny drive, I thought, this would be a good project to ask her about the shelter. She was on and on about how wonderful it was at Harrison House. It's 120 people."

The shelter is funded by the county government. It's an important source of support for foundations and individuals.

Preschooler Oscar Erickson was hanging on hooks. Asked if he meant to be homeless, he said, "I don't have a bed or everything. I have many clothes, and I have to live outside. And that's not good. They are people that don't have any covers for their sheets, no pillows, and no blankets."

Oscar thought for a moment, then added, "It's bad to sleep outside because it's cold and you're afraid in the dark."

## El Cerrito City Council discusses election years, millennium bug issues

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—The City Council heard a proposal last week from former Mayor Charles Lewis that El Cerrito change its election year from odd to even-numbered years. During the last few years, many jurisdictions in the county and around the state have moved their elections to even-numbered years.

Lewis quoted from a report that called El Cerrito a "hold out city" when it comes to election-day scheduling. He said that elections scheduled in even numbered years, because they coincide with such things as presidential elections, attract

"about twice as many people coming out to the polls."

As more jurisdictions move to even-numbered year elections, the cost rises for those still scheduling odd-number year election days, Lewis explained. County election officials estimate El Cerrito could save about \$11,000 per election if it changes to the even-year elections.

Councilman Larry Damon said such a plan would require "phasing in over probably a half a dozen years." Councilwoman Jane Bartke noted that the city of Pleasant Hill changed to even-year elections and now saves about \$27,000 per election. "That's not chicken feed,"

Bartke said.

By general council consensus, it was agreed that city staff will study the issue and report back before any action is taken.

### Y2K discussion

The City Council also heard from Community and Administrative Services Manager Jay Corey in a study session concerning the year 2000

"millennium bug" and how it could affect city services. Corey reported that a formal Y2K "preparedness record" documentation program is currently being done by the city. The city's financial system has been upgraded to be Y2K compliant and the police department soon will be too, Corey reported. The city's building division is currently testing various upgrade products for its permit

records system.

A staff report notes that "a significant amount" of software and hardware will need to be purchased and installed by the city to assure Y2K compliance. Two different options are being considered. The "retrofit option" would entail upgrading existing machines; the "replacement option" entails purchasing new computers. The staff report explains

that computer replacement cost could be \$281,000, or \$40,000 more than retrofitting.

There were questions about the cost of the upgrade program and council wanted more detailed information.

Last week's discussion was a study session and the council will visit the issue before making a decision.

## Camera

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— going through Bob Edwards' Rolodex — calling Cokie Roberts and saying "do you have a lead for me on this?" Buell explained. After cutting her journalistic teeth as a desk assistant, Buell, who was all of 21 years old at the time, said she had an itch to "move up" and confided to her audience: "I figured I had places to go."

In 1979, after a failed attempt at VCR video production and sales, Buell landed a \$4,000 an hour job with Mobile Video, the company doing sound and camera work for a wacky new company that planned to run news 24 hours a day on cable television.

"We were going to be the Washington bureau — this was April — Cable News Network was going to start on the air in June," Buell said and explained that the new employees had a month to find out how to actually use the production equipment. "Sure — I can do this," Buell said she told herself and sallied forth into big-time journalism with 30 pounds of audio equipment hanging from her shoulders.

Buell and her partner were chosen to do a "live interview" with Ted Kennedy in Ohio as the "first inaugural broadcast" for CNN. That was the beginning, and soon Buell was working 15-hour days.

"Quick — get over to the State Department, something is going to happen — quick, as soon as you wrap that up, get to the White House, there's a photo-op in a half-hour," Buell said to describe how she worked. After about six months of audio work, Buell also started operating the cameras.

She covered the Republican National Convention in Detroit in 1980

alongside the established network cameramen who she described as a "club of cowboys." Working to get video and sound for CNN, Buell shadowed presidential motorcades "shooting (video) in case the President's car gets in a wreck — the 'death watch' we called it," she explained.

On her first trip to New York City she ended up in a parade down Fifth Avenue with President Jimmy Carter. An hour and a half later Buell was descending 900 feet below the surface of the Earth in a Pennsylvania coal mine with Carter during a presidential inspection. "It was a blast" she said of her Mobile Video work for CNN.

But \$4.02 an hour doesn't add up to much and Buell got into trouble trying to unionize the company. She left Mobile Video and CNN, and took a position with Independent Network News.

That was followed by a "vacation relief" job at NBC in Washington which eventually lead to a permanent position. "I was there in the network and I was now one of the cowboys," Buell explained to the University Women with pride of accomplishment still evident in her voice.

Buell's journalistic adventures continued. She covered the opening of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington and Jessie Jackson's 1984 presidential campaign.

Buell said Jackson's first campaign was legendary for its disorganization and its vigor. "That was quite a trip," she noted. "They had no idea what they were doing or where they were going or when they were going to get there," Buell said about Jackson's campaign staff.

She traveled with Jackson to Cuba as part of the first press group

to go there since the Bay of Pigs incident in the early 1960s.

Buell also heard tons of "good Gospel music" since, she said, it seemed that Jackson "went to every Baptist church in the country."

Buell went to Nicaragua and El Salvador during times of upheaval and revolution there. She wore a bullet-proof vest and remembers the time one veteran cameraman turned to her to ask: "OK — if a bomb were to go off — which way would you run?"

After time off for grad school and then to get married in 1989, Buell resumed her work at NBC News. She ended up as the Washington D.C. supervisor of network editors. She supervised the staff and was responsible for overseeing the editing of stories for the Nightly News, the Today Show and other NBC productions.

"We got a feed coming in from Bosnia — we got a feed coming in from Panama — we got a feed coming in from London. New York needs something — L.A. needs something — grab a tape off the shelf," Buell said to describe the organized chaos of the production offices. "I liked the quick pace of it and having to respond very quickly to everything," Buell explained.

She was eight months pregnant when the Gulf War broke out. "We had to be ready at any moment," she explained and the long days and non-stop pace were wearing.

Buell recounted one time when her editors were furiously working to complete a piece.

"You use 25 tapes in a three-minute story," she explained. She had editors in two rooms trying to get the tape ready for broadcast. The first half was completed and on the air. "Where's the second half?" Buell shouts out. "Are you ready?" she

asks an editor. "Yeah — ready to go to black," Buell recalled, "and that if they didn't get the tape ready by the next half-minute Tom Brokaw would be testing his ad-libbing."

"Finally with 10 seconds left they throw it to me — I throw it to the out-take room," Buell said. "I didn't bother with the usual on-countdown procedure explained. 'Park it on the drape, it rip,' she shouted out to her. "We didn't get black — and I had the baby," Buell said to end from the audience.

"My doctor said it's time to go," Buell recalled and she ended up tired from her network job came a full-time mother. "I came home and it was great," she said. Her husband's job brought them to the Bay Area and after about a year out of the business, in September 1997 Buell took a position as a production coordinator with the Coast office of the Newhall station.

The job keeps her busy but the breakneck pace of earlier years is still there. Buell described senior correspondent Elizabeth Farnsworth as most wonderful person in the office and it is clear Buell enjoys her rent job. She said she basically whatever needs to be done at the office — from confirming the news stories to researching, checking to booking guests — using sure they have a place for KQED's San Francisco station.

Buell also makes sure technical stuff, such as sound equipment, is in its place and takes care of "billing and all that stuff."

The AAUW and guests of Buell's enjoyed her company and far and gave her warm applause after her speech.

## Drain

FROM PAGE A1

urged the council to authorize a fifth year of Phase I work and to approve ongoing repair and maintenance of the system.

In addition, the 1992 analysis identified 400 pipe segments that had "some noted deficiency," but were not critical and not part of Phase I. The cost to repair these segments was estimated at \$7.45 million.

Struve said El Cerrito's storm drain program has been an exceptional success. He said the drain problem "was properly identified," repairs were publicly supported and funded, and "the dollars were then spent frugally and effectively." He noted that there was an "immediate reduction" in private property claims, flooding emergency costs, maintenance costs and fire department emergency calls because of flooding.

A staff report prepared by Struve and El Cerrito's Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft states "we have an opportunity to develop a method of addressing ongoing needed repair and maintenance of our storm drain system."

The report urged the council to take steps to maintain the city's reconstructed storm drains so they would not once again deteriorate from neglect and deferred maintenance.

City staff recommended a fifth year of Phase I work be authorized;

that a \$100,000 storm drain reserve fund be established and that a video inspection and logging program be completed on the city's entire storm drain system.

This video inspection would assist in subsequent capital improvement work required on the drain system. It will cost about \$300,000 to complete the last three Phase I projects and the video inspection and logging is estimated at \$115,000.

The voters approved the Measure J bond issue in 1993 to fund Phase I storm drain reconstruction.

A staff report notes that because interest rates at the time of the sale of the bonds were lower than at the time of the calculation of the assessment, the annual assessments collected exceed the level of debt service on the bonds. This has resulted in a windfall for the storm drain special revenue fund and by July of this year, it is expected to have a positive balance of about \$996,000.

In addition, the report notes that if no additional expenditures for storm drain work are made from the fund, it will increase by about \$110,000 a year until fiscal year 2014.

Councilman Mark Friedman characterized the proposal as "a very rational plan" and moved to accept the staff recommendations.

The council was unable to take such action since last week's discussion was a study session. The council directed staff to prepare the necessary documents and return at a later meeting for their formal approval.

## Robbery

FROM PAGE A1

ter contents while warning customers, "Nobody move, be still," before leaving.

Less than 24 hours later two gunmen matching the description of the Mazzini's takeover burst into Reel Video on Shattuck Avenue and ordered employees to open four cash registers at gunpoint. Employees said Wednesday they were still shaken by the event.

Monday night just before 9 p.m.,

three masked gunmen held up Barney's Gourmet Hamburgers at 1600 Shattuck Ave. The men ordered employees to "Bust out the money."

The robbers stole the restaurant's money and then trained their guns on customers, demanding cash and wallets.

Though the group has been linked to several robberies, police were unable to provide a detailed description. The men are believed to be black males in their 20s, average height and build wearing mesh masks and black clothes. No shots

land and the Children's Home Society.

An avid fisherman, boater and golfer, Andronico loved to cook and enjoyed entertaining family and friends at home.

He is survived by his wife Demetra, sons Frank and Bill, and daughter Connie. He had two grandchildren.

Donations in Andronico's memory can be made to The John Andronico Endowment Fund of The Oakland Greek Orthodox Cathedral, the American Heart Association (Oakland Chapter) or to a charity of their choice.

## Munoz

FROM PAGE A4

is a sham, because we have determined — I researched the issue — that at most it would only increase the pool of eligible Latino, African-American and Filipino-American students in high school by less than 1 percent.

Secondly, it's a contradiction because it will not provide more access, it will not nurture the cultural diversity of our institutions. It will be a reinforcement of a process already generated by 209 that I call the re-segregation of the university.

What's happening and will happen with that 4 percent plan is that the less than 1 percent additional pool of kids admitted are going to be redirected to other campuses that don't have the same prestige and status as Berkeley and UCLA.

What's happening at Riverside, for example, is that Riverside is becoming sort of the ghetto of the system, and unfairly so, because there's a lot of good faculty there. The point is that kids are not going to be able to have access to Berkeley and UCLA under that plan.

On the surface, (the 4 percent

plan) appears to be a little more fair because right now, for example, over half of the new freshmen that came here in the fall are from only five high schools in the state. And so with the 4 percent plan, you say "Oh, well all the kids from all the schools are gonna come in."

That's great on paper, but what does it really mean? Does that mean that a black kid from a ghetto area of L.A. who graduates in the top 4 percent of his or her class is gonna get into Berkeley? No.

He or she may be able to get into Riverside or UC-Davis. You still have the problem with AP courses where you're given more points, more credit, the so-called "honors" courses where you can earn more than a 4.0.

The SAT scores are going to be very essential to this plan, also. Yet the SAT has been proven to be unreliable. It does not measure kids' potential to be successful in the university. Yet it is used to keep kids out.

Affluent kids have the opportunity to take courses to prepare themselves to do well on SAT tests, while poor kids in a poor area don't have that opportunity. So they are disadvantaged no matter what. So I think it's a sham.

Q: What do you say to white

working class men who are struggling to make a living, can't get their own kids into a university, and yet feel they are being unjustly blamed for keeping women and people of color out of the university?

The affirmative action issue has, I think, unfairly generated a white-male bashing. The majority of white males aren't the problem. They're not the cause for the lack of opportunity for people of color. By the same token, they have been put into a situation where many believe they are losing "their" equal opportunity because of a person of color, or a woman. And that's the problem.

I sympathize with white workers who are being displaced, who are being dealt with harshly by the system, and again, they're not the problem.

But they also have to understand that workers of color aren't the problem either, that the real "enemy" are those at the top who misrepresent the causes of unemployment, like Pete Wilson did when he was governor.

Wilson and his ilk said "Blame the immigrants, they're taking away your jobs, they're taking away your social services, they're overpopulating the classrooms so your kids can't learn."

And that's the problem.

The kind of economic system that we have, not nurture concern for the human being, does not nurture the spiritual connection that we have, does not put us in a state of mind of wanting to help others but to look at ourselves and heck with everybody else. We're in a throat competitive race where we are thrown into the death.

Just look at the news today. Levi Strauss is going to be laying down X number of factories, and putting thousands out of work. So that's the problem. Where are these jobs going to go? They're gonna go to Mexico, they're gonna go to Taiwan, but the ones that they give is that they can't compete with foreign cheap labor. They're very much more exploiting in the first place.

We have to come to grips with the common ground that we all are all children of Mother Earth. We are all God's children, and we have to resolve the kinds of problems here.



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## Annual reports give clues to company's outlook

Now is the time of year when many publicly held companies are required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to file their annual reports, the record of a corporation's financial condition and results of operations that must be distributed to shareholders yearly.

The timing of the annual reports corresponds with a company's fiscal year. Because many companies end their fiscal years when the calendar year ends on December 31, these companies must file their annual reports with the SEC by March 31.

This means that if you own stock in a publicly traded company, these annual

### Money Matters

By Leila Gough

reports will be showing up in your mailbox soon. The annual report also is accompanied by the yearly proxy statement, which includes information on salary and bonuses of the highest paid company officials, significant stock ownership and resolutions to be voted upon by company shareholders.

Instead of letting these annual reports gather dust on your coffee table, you may want to consider taking time to review what is inside them. They can be a valuable source of information on stocks you already own or are looking to purchase.

Although you do not have to read every word of the annual report, here are some of the parts of the report you may want to review:

#### Financial statements

This section includes the balance sheet and statements of earnings or income, stockholders' equity, changes in financial position and notes. Check for trends from year to year to see if the overall pattern is an increase or decrease in profitability.

Many analysts use the company's current ratio (current assets divided by liabilities) as one guide to determining the value of an investment in its stock.

A ratio between 1.5 to 1 and 2 to 1 is usually considered safe, but be sure to



**THIS OAKLAND HOME** is featured on this year's Children's Support League Kitchen and Home Tour. The home was designed and built in 1925 by society architect Houghton Sawyer. It has been remodeled to provide greater kitchen space and a family room while preserving original architectural detail.

## Children's Support League tour taking off

By Pam Parker

The 11th annual Children's Support League Kitchen and Home Tour will take place Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by Children's Support

League of the East Bay, the self-guided tour of five homes in Piedmont and Oakland showcases distinctively remodeled kitchens, lovely interior design and beautiful gardens.

Patrons will be able to meet with some of the designers and architects who will

be on hand to answer questions.

Activities at the Piedmont Community Center include the popular CSL Boutique with many unique items centered around the theme of home and garden.

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### 'Kusada Shining' - 'Inez'



MARGE THOMAS

**THE GOLDEN GATE CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY'S** 10th annual Show and Sale will be held this weekend at Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., in Oakland.

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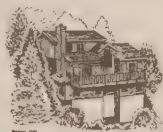
### Julia Morgan



**Julia Morgan's Design English.....\$679,000**  
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# Home ownership comes down to motivation, values

No. 275 in a series of true experiences in real estate. In last week's column I wrote about a man who bought a house, then hated owning one. It was the mechanics of paying his mortgage that he said he couldn't bear — finding the payment coupon, writing the check, getting it in on time.

Before buying, he had been living the life of a nomad, wandering at will between friends' houses, sleeping wherever he happened to land each night. In the end, he sold the house and went back to his old life; presumably he was happier there.

The real estate editor for this newspaper, John Snyder, responded by e-mail to this story:

"I really like this essay, especially as someone who came to the same minimalist conclusions as your client. When I graduated college and moved out to San Francisco, I didn't have a job or a place to stay. I shared my time among youth hostels, living out of my car, sleeping on a couch in a used bookstore and crashing on a new friend's leaky boat at the Port of Oakland.

"It was really an adventure, and before long — even after I found work — I realized I didn't want an apartment or a house, and I kept to my rootless ways. All my needs were being met, life was simpler (all I had to worry about was survival), and I was free of the burdens of materialism.

"Then I met a woman and we decided I needed a place to live. Now we share a terrific South Campus Area apartment. I gained a lot, but I also can't help but feel I lost a lot, too."

If John Snyder feels that he lost a lot, he probably did. Going home to the same place every night, sleep-

## True Experiences

By Tarpoff and Talbert

ing, bathing and eating in the same old spot is not everyone's ideal. I suppose that it is the lack of change in surroundings and experiences that can become dull.

I don't know this from my own experience because I have never been comfortable living so freely. Even when I was much younger, staying somewhere temporarily on vacation, I had to see the bed where I'd be laying my head each night before I was able to do anything else.

I do envy those who can take things as they come without fretting, and I've wondered why I am not the sort of person who might travel to Europe, say, on a one-way ticket with only a hundred dollars in my pocket. I have wished to be bold and free but, alas, a home base is something I must have.

And so, at the first opportunity, I bought a house. That's what most people of my era did. Many still do.

It's more expensive these days, harder, but lots of people — couples, families, single people — want very much to own their own homes. They go to considerable trouble; they spend huge portions of their incomes to get them. Most of the time they know the reasons why they are doing it.

"Why do you want to buy a house?" we always ask would-be buyers, a question they usually find surprising. We are, after all, real estate agents. It's our job to sell houses. What difference does it make why they want to buy?

We ask because we are curious

and because we have found that there is little point in spending time finding a house for someone who thinks he wants to buy a house if, it turns out, he doesn't.

Not everyone has thought it through. Maybe a buyer's parents always owned a house and now that he has the money, he assumes he should have one, too. Or, his tax accountant has told him that he is paying so much in income tax that he really ought to buy. Or, his landlord is selling the building he is living in, the second time this has happened to him, and he's sick of moving.

All of these reasons can be perfectly good reasons for buying a house. But none is sufficient by itself. A person buying a house has to want to own one. We've met people who came to realize that they were about to become homeowners because their mothers wanted them to. Or, they were buying because it is the grown-up thing to do — to have a loan and fire insurance.

Twice it has happened that clients of ours — at the last minute — decided home ownership wasn't for them. They'd earnestly searched for just the right house, applied for a

loan, signed offers to purchase — then flipped out and could go no further. Something happened to them in a final-hour, self-search analysis that made them stop dead in their tracks.

Other clients, a couple with two small children, bought a house. Everything was fine until the divorce. The man moved to a rental; wife and children stayed put. The couple agreed to sell the house and split the proceeds when the youngest child graduated from high school.

Years went by, the kids grew up, during which the man dreamed of owning his own home again. Finally it was time. The man told us what he was looking for and we found it. The day we showed him the house he was joyous. It was, he told us, precisely what he wanted; it just couldn't be better.

Before we could write an offer, we got a phone call from the man. He'd been thinking and he'd realized that he didn't want to own a house. He didn't want to own a roof or a hot water heater, wasn't interested in being responsible for a lawn or a loan.

"I don't think I could have come to this realization," he said, "if this house hadn't been so completely

ideal. It was seeing my dream in actuality that allowed me to let it go."

Maybe that's the truth of it: Everybody needs a dream; the dreams differ. Some live their dream, others keep on dreaming.

Editor's note: As with any achievement in personal growth, leaving one lifestyle for another requires something be lost and something gained. What I felt I "lost" in settling down was not my freedom, but a uniquely creative period of self-discovery. I really found out what I was made of when I was drifting.

Now that my life has roots, I have the resources to put those findings into action. I have more creative opportunity and spiritual freedom than

I ever dreamed possible — a good trade-off.

If you would like to add your voice to the discussion, e-mail your comments to [real@hillsnewspapers.com](mailto:real@hillsnewspapers.com) or write Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, CA 94619. Letters must include author's name and daytime phone number and are subject to editing.

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# ARM adjusts downward to reward timely payments

## Mortgage Madness

By Karen Senzig

the state will allow.

The State of California set the maximum term for a prepayment penalty at five years.

We were discussing this problem with my representative from Downey Savings and Loan when Tim Kepler told us about a new program his company offers.

This 30-year fixed rate loan program rewards sub-prime borrowers for their on-time mortgage payments.

Depending on how the credit looks, from "not too bad credit"

which we call an "A minus" borrower, to "this person just doesn't pay attention to when the payment is due and it's been at least three years since the bankruptcy was discharged" which would be a "C minus" credit borrower, will determine the interest rate. The fixed rate can be as low as 8.50 percent or as high as 11.25 percent.

Two other criteria that determine the rate is the loan to value percentage (the loan amount versus the value of the property) and the number of points the borrower chooses to pay. That 8.50 percent rate would require that the borrower pay at least one point and the maximum loan to value be 65 percent.

For example, let's say our borrower has "B" credit, is purchasing with 20 percent down and wants to pay no points. The interest rate would be fixed at 10.375 percent for 30 years. After 24 months of on time payments, the lender would reduce the rate by .50 percent to 9.875 percent.

Each subsequent 12 month period the rate is reduced by another .25 percent until the borrower reaches the minimum rate of 7.75 percent. The payment is still factored on the original loan amount like any other fixed rate loan product.

To translate this into real dollars, our borrower has a \$300,000 loan at 10.375 percent with a payment of \$2716.22 for the first two years.

After a 24 month perfect mortgage payment history, the interest rate is reduced to 9.875 percent with a payment of \$2605.04 saving the borrower \$111.18 per month for the next 12 months.

After 12 more months of perfect payments to the lender, the rate is further reduced to 9.625 percent and the payment to \$2549.97 saving the borrower another \$55.01, now a total from the original rate of \$166.19 per month.

With timely payments, the payment will continue to drop every 12 months until the borrower reaches the minimum rate of 7.75 percent when the payment will be \$2149 per month, a difference of \$565.98 from

the original payment.

This is the first time I've seen a fixed rate loan act like an adjustable rate mortgage, only this ARM only adjusts down, all without the costs of refinancing. Just another little weapon when fighting mortgage madness.

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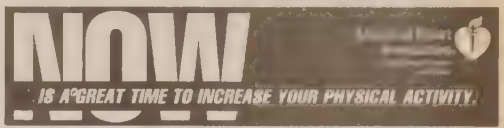
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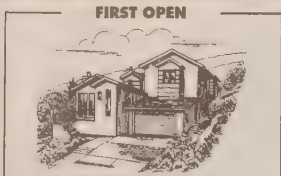
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**2582 Leimert, Upper Oakmore - 2+bd/2ba.....\$359,000**  
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**6850 Gunn Dr., Montclair - 4bd/3ba.....\$349,000**  
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**4242 Detroit Ave., Redwood Hs. - 2+bd/1ba.....\$269,000**  
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**ROCKRIDGE.....\$439,000**  
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# Edwardian-era opulence found throughout Hills area

**PART TWO OF THREE PARTS**  
In this space on March 11-12, I discussed the accurate use of the term "Edwardian" and described some of the more lavish homes that were built during the Edwardian Era.

## The Brooklyn District

The Brooklyn District of East Oakland is a neighborhood rich in history. It is best known for its outstanding collection of Victorian Era homes, built between the 1870's, and the turn of this century. But it also has one of the East Bay's finest examples of Edwardian Era architecture in its original setting.

At 1819 7th Ave. near East 18th Street stands a truly superb Colonial Revival style mansion that was built between 1904 and 1905.

This magnificent house has an immense, Greek Revival "Revival" style portico reminiscent of the White House. The windows have Roman fasces motifs in bas-relief underneath their triangular pediments. There is an elegant Palladian window and a blind balustrade above the doorway. This house was originally built for

## Owning a piece of history

By Mark Wilson

an independently wealthy woman. However, after it was completed, she decided never to live in it. Instead, she headed for the greener hills of Piedmont, which were just opening up for development at that time.

In more recent years, this building has housed a convalescent home.

## Piedmont

Piedmont was incorporated in 1907, in the middle of the Edwardian Era, (i.e., 1901 to 1914). By the 1910 census, Piedmont counted 32 millionaires among its residents, giving it the highest per capita income of any American community of similar size.

This helps to explain why so many of Piedmont's early homes are opulent examples of Edwardian Era styles.

One of the most impressive Edwardian Era residences in the East Bay stands at 304 Hillside Ave. at Oakland Avenue. The Uhl House was built between 1906 and 1910, and it used to be nicknamed "Gray Gables" because of the color of its exterior for many years.

This is a magnificent, multi-gabled Tudor Revival "manor house," with touches of Jacobean style in its square-paned, lead-latticed bay windows, and in the pyramid-shaped finials atop the gateposts.

The Uhl House commands a spacious and exquisitely landscaped lot. In the Piedmont foothills, at number 43 Dormidera Ave. at Hagar Street, there is a unique Edwardian Era house designed by eccentric Bay Area architect Louis Christian Mullgardt.

The Hotel Family House was built in 1907, and stylistically it is an unusual blend of an oversized Craftsman bungalow and a Japanese tea-house. The clapboarding and banded windows show the Craftsman influence, while the stucco-and-timber upper story, with its shallow, gabled roof topped by wide, overhanging eaves, gives a Japanese effect.

Louis Christian Mullgardt was an enigmatic architect who worked on the fringes of the First Bay Tradition. His best-known design was the De Young Museum Building in Golden Gate Park. For the Hotel House, Mullgardt borrowed the sloping, or "battered" walls on the lower portion of the projecting right-hand pavilion from Tibetan monastery designs.

This was a characteristic feature

of his domestic designs. Sadly, Mullgardt died a poor and forgotten man.

At 455 Wildwood Ave. at Sheridan Street is an excellent Edwardian Era residential design by one of the Bay Area's most prolific early twentieth century architects. The Kelly House was designed in 1910 by John Hudson Thomas, who was best known for his personal versions of the Prairie Style, as well as some

large scale Period Revival homes.

Here, Thomas created a long, rambling house in a predominantly Mediterranean mode, (note the white stucco walls and the Mission-style arches). There is also a strong element of the Prairie School in the sweeping, horizontal lines.

This is one of Thomas' earliest and most spacious designs in Piedmont.

Surprisingly, Bernard Maybeck only designed one house in the Hills during his career, while his student Julia Morgan designed dozens of homes for Piedmont clients. The Frank C. Howland House at 101 Wildwood Gardens, designed by Maybeck in 1906, was remodeled over the next 25 years.

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### ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 12  
LOWEST SALES: \$90,000  
HIGHEST SALES: \$536,000  
AVERAGE SALES: \$289,166

### ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST SALES: \$230,000  
HIGHEST SALES: \$490,000  
AVERAGE SALES: \$345,000

### BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 15  
LOWEST SALES: \$66,500  
HIGHEST SALES: \$740,000  
AVERAGE SALES: \$298,166

### EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST SALES: \$139,500  
HIGHEST SALES: \$410,000  
AVERAGE SALES: \$240,400

3265 Liese Ave. - \$112,000  
6514 Liggett Dr. - \$374,000  
54 Linda Ave. - \$229,000  
3247 Logan St. - \$138,000  
1116 Longridge Rd. - \$450,000  
1015 MacArthur Blvd. - \$270,000  
5349 Manila Ave. - \$407,000  
3807 Marion Ave. - \$129,000  
2339 Maywood Ave. - \$105,000  
1865 Melvin Rd. - \$700,000  
250 Montecito Ave. #301 - \$157,000  
4508 Montgomery St. #A - \$220,000  
3009 Monticello Ave. - \$181,000  
466 North St. - \$229,000  
4145 Opal St. - \$245,000  
5132 Proctor Ave. - \$850,000

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 70  
LOWEST SALES: \$60,000  
HIGHEST SALES: \$1,075,000  
AVERAGE SALES: \$231,821

### RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 32  
LOWEST SALES: \$63,500  
HIGHEST SALES: \$195,500  
AVERAGE SALES: \$160,578

### SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST SALES: \$72,000  
HIGHEST SALES: \$415,000  
AVERAGE SALES: \$231,681

### SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 6  
LOWEST SALES: \$115,000  
HIGHEST SALES: \$207,000  
AVERAGE SALES: \$181,333

98 Ramona Ave. - \$510,000  
5228 Redondo Ave. - \$335,000  
3070 Richmond Blvd. - \$325,000  
2748 Ritchie St. - \$148,000  
17 Ronada Ave. - \$360,000  
1 Rydal Ct. - \$340,000  
353 Santa Clara Ave. - \$180,000  
4963 Stoneridge Ct. - \$358,000  
6632 Sunnymere Ave. - \$140,000  
9311 Sunnyside St. - \$99,000  
4218 Terrace St. - \$208,000  
3 West Embarcadero #347 - \$70,000  
288 Whitmore St. #319 - \$87,000  
3 Windward Hill - \$420,000  
8048 Winthrop St. - \$150,000  
4008 Woodruff Ave. - \$305,000

## RICHMOND

1938 18th St. - \$63,500  
2959 18th St. - \$115,000  
1971 21st St. - \$111,000  
705 28th St. - \$77,000  
650 34th St. - \$180,000  
816 36th St. - \$150,000  
737 6th St. - \$80,000  
3120 Alta Mira Dr. - \$128,000  
5815 Bernhard Ave. - \$195,500  
6262 Bernhard Ave. - \$227,500  
5135 Clinton Ave. - \$94,500  
1313 Dover Ave. - \$85,000  
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2732 Flannery Rd. - \$138,000  
4253 Fran Wy. - \$180,000  
1908 Francisco Wy. - \$180,000  
2914 Groom Dr. - \$140,000  
5458 Hackney Ln. - \$275,000  
630 Lois Ln. - \$270,000  
316 Marine St. - \$325,000  
5984 Monterey Ave. - \$210,000  
3604 Natalie Ct. - \$104,000  
6112 Panama Ave. - \$140,000  
1 Quail Hill Ct. - \$142,000  
3629 Ridgewood Wy. - \$285,000  
5247 Riverside Ave. - \$115,000  
4997 Santa Rita Rd. - \$212,000  
255 South 22nd St. - \$72,500  
424 South 36th St. - \$88,000  
2025 Thompson Ln. - \$275,000  
4484 Whitecliff Wy. - \$196,000

1277 Amber Ct. - \$230,000  
15134 Andover St. - \$215,000  
1258 Collier Dr. - \$194,000  
1574 Daniels Dr. - \$305,000  
499 Estudillo Ave. #201 - \$130,000  
2323 Fairway Dr. #14 - \$153,500  
14519 Flagship St. - \$157,000

### SAN LEANDRO

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15134 Andover St. - \$215,000  
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1574 Daniels Dr. - \$305,000  
499 Estudillo Ave. #201 - \$130,000  
2323 Fairway Dr. #14 - \$153,500  
14519 Flagship St. - \$157,000

418 Garcia Ave. - \$155,500  
33 Georgia Wy. - \$217,500  
531 Glen Dr. - \$230,000  
609 Glen Dr. - \$350,000  
732 Glen Dr. - \$350,000  
1599 Hays St. #12 - \$72,000  
1384 Hubbard Ave. - \$234,000  
2765 Lakeview Dr. - \$415,000  
1653 Manor Blvd. - \$183,000  
2231 Oceanside Wy. - \$315,000  
14968 Portofino Cl. - \$239,000  
2010 Royal Wings Wy. - \$396,000  
844 Serra Dr. - \$190,000  
14136 Tiburon Rd. - \$226,500  
15148 Wiley St. - \$139,000

### SAN LORENZO

327 Ano Ave. - \$186,000  
1758 Via Amigos - \$115,000  
16185 Via Catherine - \$203,000  
388 Via Coches - \$197,000  
1069 Via Coralla - \$180,000  
1746 Via Hermana - \$207,000

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## Tips on creating a beautiful room

People ask me, even in social situations, if I criticize every room or every home I visit.

Well-I-I, maybe yes. It's the curse of being in this profession. But remember, criticism can be positive too. I see perfectly beautiful rooms where I wouldn't move a thing and I think "I never would have thought of that" just like my clients are always telling me!

Here is a list of the top ten questions I ask myself when I enter a new room:

### Is the conversation grouping comfortable?

Do the chairs and sofa face each other and are they close enough for conversations to be maintained at a normal volume level?

### Is the focal point obvious?

Is the conversation grouping centered on the fireplace, a window with a view, or a nice piece of furniture?

### Does the art relate to the furniture?

Art should never "float" in space. Art should be hung over or beside a piece of furniture that enhances it.

### Are the lamps placed on the diagonal?

Lamps must be practical (that is, light the entire room) and aesthetic. Lamps lined up in a row do not look as pleasing as two lamps placed diagonally across the space from each

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By Eileen Halliburton

other. A third lamp should form a triangle with the other two lamps.

### Are table accessories related to their surroundings?

For example, a delicate figurine does not relate to a heavy brass lamp nor does a sea shell relate to a pewter vase.

### Do the plants look important?

Plants are more than filling and fluff? Never put a plant in the corner!

### Are heavy pieces of furniture balanced?

You want to avoid having these giants lined up on one side of a room.

### Is there a good mixture of textures?

All those hard surfaces (glass, porcelain, marble, metals) should be mixed with softer textures (fabric, leather, wicker, plants/greenery).

### Are your colors coordinated?

We need to pay attention to hue when selecting colors. We also need to consider light value and intensity. There are exceptions, of course, but usually we do not mix bright and subdued colors.

### The million dollar question

Is this room inviting? Would I like to spend time in this room?

If the other nine questions can be answered positively, chances are the answer to the tenth is a resounding Yes!

Eileen Halliburton is the owner of Re-Designs in Piedmont. She can be reached at (510) 763-1829.

# EPA sounds alert on home air quality

By Dave Weinstein  
CON SPECIAL SECTIONS

## General tips

The federal Environmental Protection Agency suggests that homeowners follow three steps to ensure good indoor air quality: First, reduce sources of indoor pollution, such as stored toxics or chemical emissions; second, increase ventilation within the home; third, and only when absolutely necessary, consider buying an air cleaner.

■ **Testing:** According to the EPA, hiring a consultant to test for indoor pollutants can be expensive. They generally don't recommend it, except when radon is an issue, or in special circumstances. Jed Waldman, chief of the Indoor Air Quality Section of

the state Department of Health Service's Environmental Health Laboratory in Berkeley, suggests that people bring in a building contractor if they suspect leaky walls, or PG&E if they suspect problems with their furnace.

Is your home making you sick? Although there are many physicians who believe that many people are sickened by tiny exposures to a multitude of common chemicals (many are called "clinical ecologists" or say they practice "environmental medicine," most mainstream doctors and scientists say there is no proof that the condition exists and much evidence that it does not.

Dr. Ronald E. Gots, co-author of "Multiple Chemical Sensitivity, describes it as "a label given to people

who do not feel well for a variety of reasons and who share the common belief that chemical sensitivities are to blame."

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# Healthy market, professional staging net sales coup

By Kate Phillips  
WELLS & BENNETT REALTORS

With thanks to equal measures of hard work, good timing and a thriving seller's market, an Oakland home we listed in February prompted 18 enthusiastic would-be buyers to post offers within 10 days of the initial listing.

## \$119,000 above and beyond

The home, at 526 Mira Vista Ave., was listed for \$335,000 and sold for \$454,000, a full \$119,000 over the asking price. We're happy to report that it closed escrow on Feb. 23.

While this was hardly a typical sale, it is a sign of the times. With more inventory than there are buyers, the Oakland/Berkeley market is enjoying an upturn.

The home is a beautiful three-story brown shingle in the lovely Grand Lake area, and was renovated three years ago. It is near shops, restaurants and transportation. Bidders noticed its old-world charm and striking architectural detail.

## Preparation counts

They also noticed how the owners, following my advice, had prepared the house for market. The owners repainted the interior, refinished some of the wood

flooring and spruced up the landscaping.

The owners also hired a professional stager to furnish the empty house. A stager with an artistic sensibility can turn a cold, empty space into a warm, inviting home. Buyers notice a comfort-

able ambiance, and they act on it.

## Multiple offers happen

Many properties are receiving multiple offers these days, especially if they are well presented, are in good locations and are priced competitively.

We expected multiple offers, and even priced the house on the low side to attract interest, but the response was unprecedented.

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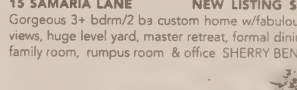
Elegant all level 4 bdrm/3 ba w/beamed cathedral ceiling, family room, 3 fireplaces & lanai that opens out to the garden. Unique w/view of golf course. MARION SCHWARTZ

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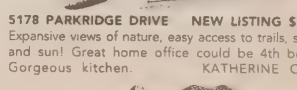
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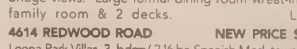
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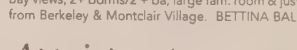
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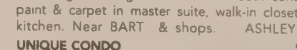
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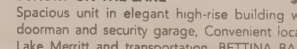
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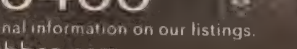
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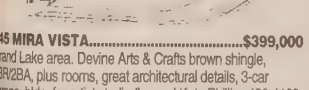
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# A little elbow grease can salvage double-hung windows

In previous decades, urban renewal meant bulldozing hundreds of perfectly good historic houses to make way for nasty modern buildings. But I'm talking about a different sort of urban renewal — the restoration of perfectly good historic houses that make up the majority of our neighborhoods here in the East Bay.

Consider it a kind of urban renewal, one that makes this a beautiful and desirable place to live.

In most cases, a house that has retained its architectural integrity is usually worth more, and probably no feature of a house does more to define its architectural style than its windows.

The tall hooded windows of an Italianate Victorian, the distinctive three-part front window of a Bungalow, the casement windows of a Tudor... all of these are important elements of the architecture.

Replace them with something else, and the house begins to look "wrong." Yet they are often replaced, often for the simple reason that the original windows didn't work right, didn't open easily, didn't stay open.

Window replacement is not inexpensive, and many companies will be happy to convince you to spend thousands on replacement windows, since that is how they make money.

In reality, however, most old wooden windows can be repaired. It doesn't cost much if you do it your-

## Urban Renewal

By Jane Powell

self, and it also maintains the look of your house.

The most common window type in older houses is the double-hung window. Let's take a closer look:

A double-hung window has two sashes (a sash is the wooden frame that holds the glass) that move up and down in channels. Sash cords in channels on the side of the sash run through pulleys at the top of the window, and are connected to sash weights in pockets inside the wall, which counterbalance the weight of the sash so it doesn't crash down on your fingers.

The channels are formed by the parting bead or strip, a thin piece of wood that sits in a slot in the jamb (the side of the window frame) and separates the two sashes, and the stop, a piece nailed to the jamb on the interior side, at right angles to the casing (the interior trim around the window).

The most common problems with these windows are broken sash cords, paint sealing the window shut, cracked or broken glass, and rot and fungus damage in the wood.

Here are the tools and supplies you will need to fix a double-hung window:

- Stiff-bladed putty knife (a 5-in-1 tool, available at paint stores, works well)
- Hammer
- Flat pry bar
- Utility knife
- Slotted screwdriver
- Sash cord (1/4" or 5/16" diameter)
- 4d & 8d finishing nails
- WD-40 or other lubricant
- Sash cord
- Locking pliers

If the window is only painted shut, it's an easy fix. Slide the putty knife in between the sash and the stop to break the paint film. You may have to hammer it in.

Work your way around the sash; you may also need to break the film between the sash and the stool (the inside window sill) and between the upper and lower sash at the top. If you're lucky, it was only painted shut on the inside, and you will now be able to open it.

It also helps to lubricate the channels the sash slides in. Anything from paraffin to soap to WD-40 will do the trick. When you're painting, do not paint the sash channels; eventually the paint buildup will keep the sash from sliding.

If the window is also painted shut on the outside, you will need to go outside and repeat the process. If it's a second floor window, see directions about how to remove a sash.

If the sash cords are broken, you will have to remove the sashes. Using the putty knife, pry off one or both of the interior stops. This will allow the lower sash to be removed.

Pull the sash cord out of the channels (the knot may be attached with a finishing nail- pry it out with the screwdriver). If only one cord is broken, allow the other one to ride up. The knot will prevent it going through the pulley.

To remove the top sash, carefully pull out the parting bead on one side, starting at the bottom (locking pliers work well for this).

When you get about halfway up, lower the top sash to the bottom of the window and pull the rest of the parting bead out from the top. If you're lucky, it won't break, but if it does, go down to the lumberyard and get another piece.

Then the top sash can be removed.

There are two ways to get to the sash weights. Some windows have a removable pocket cut into the jamb (usually held with a screw) for access to the weight pocket. These are generally more trouble than they're worth. The other way to access the weights is by prying off the inside casings — do this carefully to avoid damaging the surrounding plaster.

Remove the nails from the stops and the casings by pulling them through from the back, as removing

them from the front will cause visible damage.

With the side casings removed, the weight pockets should be exposed. It's best to replace all the cords, even the ones that aren't broken. Remove the weights and cut the old sash cords off them.

Cut new sash cord to length, a little bit longer than the existing cord. (It frays, so wrap a piece of tape around the end first.) Tie a knot close to one end — the knot will fit into a hole drilled in the side of the sash.

Run the other end through the pulley and down into the weight pocket. Start with the upper sash. Once the cords are through the pulleys, put the knots into the holes on the side of the sash, press the cord into the channels, then fit the sash into the window and push it up to the top (a helper is useful here).

Tie the other end of the cord to the weight, using a double or triple knot. Make sure that the weight hangs just above the sill — it should not touch. Once both weights are attached, run the sash up and down a few times to make sure it slides smoothly. It should go all the way down without the weight hitting the pulley.

This is a good time to squirt a little lubricant on the pulleys. Then, with the sash pushed down to the sill, reinsert the parting bead into the slot — it's a bit tricky because it has

to slide between the jamb molding of triangular molding on the wall.

Once the upper sash is in place, the lower sash is replaced in the same way.

Once the sashes are in place, the casings back in place using finishing nails, then nail the stops, making sure they don't cause the sash to bind as it goes up and down. The woodwork has a natural finish, but you may want to substitute another finish for the stops easier to remove in the future.)

If you're lucky, that was all the window needed, and you're done. Even if you had to go out and buy all the tools, you've probably spent far less than the cost of a new window. You've also maintained the architectural integrity of your home and your neighborhood.

On the other hand, if the window fell off the sash when you were umn about sash and glass repair, you'll need to wait for a professional and rot repair.

## Cymbidium lovers: Unite for show

The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society invites you to its annual Show and Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28. The show will be held at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Oakland's Lakeside Park.

More than a dozen quality orchid vendors will sell a wide variety of orchid plants to please all orchid lovers, from the novice to the discriminating collector.

Several of the Bay Area's best cymbidium vendors will offer a multitude of plants for sale.

This year the Society is celebrating its 10th anniversary. The theme of this year's show is "Golden Gateway of Cymbidium Orchids."

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## Little-known Ellis Act behind many rental disputes

### Real Estate Law

By Bob Hayes

shall ... compel the owner of any residential real property to offer, or to continue to offer, accommodation in the property for rent or lease."

The statute, which applies to all rental properties containing four or more units mandates that the owner "... shall not be compelled by any public entity" to offer, or to continue to offer, accommodation in the property for rent or lease."

Having declared as much, the Act then enumerates a number of rights which are not to be adversely impacted. Among these are the rights

of a local municipality to enforce a legally binding contract between landlord and tenant, to grant or deny land use approvals, such as those concerning "planning, zoning, and subdivision map approvals," and to mitigate negative impacts on persons evicted from residential hotels.

The Act provides penalties for the return of "Ellis" units to the rental market after tenants have been evicted. If re-rented within six months, the owner faces the prospect of paying punitive damages to the displaced tenant. If re-rented within one year, the rent can be no higher than on the day it was vacated; if re-rented after that, it is subject to then-current rent control levels.

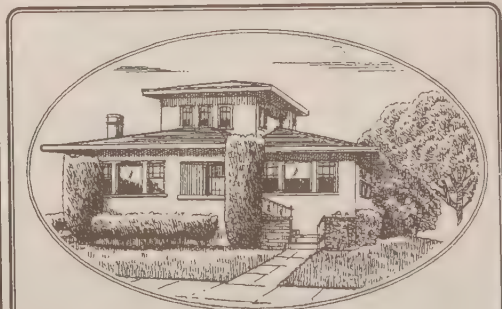
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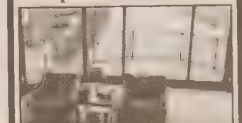
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#### Getting specific

■ **Air cleaners.** According to the EPA, "There are many types and sizes of air cleaners on the market, ranging from relatively inexpensive table-top models to sophisticated and expensive whole-house systems. Some air cleaners are highly effective at particle removal, while others, including most table-top models, are much less so. Air cleaners are generally not designed to remove gaseous pollutants."

■ **Asbestos.** Asbestos can be found in many homes, but is only a problem if it is disturbed. Asbestos that is in good condition should generally be left alone, the EPA advises. Any removal should only be done by professionals. The federal Environ-

mental Protection Agency has good information on a Web page, [www.epa.gov/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos). Or you can reach them by phone at 415-744-1500.

■ **Carpets.** "You do not want to know what's in your wall-to-wall carpet," says Virginia Schomer, an interior designer in Mill Valley who runs Building Concerns, a nonprofit group dedicated to environmental building principles. "You really don't want to know."

She prefers throw rugs that can be hauled out of the house regularly for thorough cleaning. Most people interested in healthy homes agree.

Even well-maintained, natural carpets fill with grime and microbes that no vacuum can remove, says Jed Waldman, chief of the Indoor Air Quality Section of the state Department of Health Service's Environmental Health Laboratory in Berkeley.

The Rug Doctor and similar steam-cleaning methods can get out spots. But he says they can also encourage the growth of mold beneath the rug if drying takes too long.

There is great controversy about chemical emissions from new carpets. Kibbey and some other environmental consultants oppose almost all synthetics. Victoria Schomer recommends that her clients buy natural fabric rugs, or low-emission synthetics.

The Carpet and Rug Institute, which runs an industry-wide voluntary air quality testing and labeling program, says carpets emit fewer organic compounds than many other home-furnishings, and says most of the compounds and odor dissipate within two or three days of installation. The institute cites studies that have found no cancer or toxicity health risks from carpet.

Kathryn Sellers, the institute's director of public relations, says carpets actually can improve air quality by trapping dust that would otherwise float through the air — and into people's nostrils. It can then be vacuumed up by a vacuum with strong suction. She suggests that people who suffer allergies buy high-efficiency filtration vacuum bags. "They're more expensive, but they're worth it," she says.

According to the EPA's "The Inside Story: A Guide to Indoor Air Quality", "In recent years, a number of consumers have associated a variety of symptoms with the installation of new carpet. Scientists have not been able to determine whether the chemicals emitted by new carpets are responsible."

The EPA recommends that buyers of new carpet ask for low-emission material, have the contractor air

the carpet out before bringing it into the house, and make sure the home is well-ventilated during installation and for a few days afterwards. The Carpet and Rug Institute suggests that consumers check for carpet that has the CRI Indoor Air Quality Testing label.

■ **Gas appliances.** "The first thing people should be careful about are gas appliances," Waldman says, "because they can kill you."

Carbon monoxide, an odorless byproduct of gas combustion, can kill people, or cause dizziness and confusion in smaller doses. Excess carbon dioxide from a poorly ventilated gas stove can cause drowsiness — and many kitchen stoves are not well vented. David Kibbey, a Berkeley environmental building inspector, recommends electric stoves as a

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w/attention to detail. Gorgeous kit. Pacific Union, David Ichikawa 339-6460

**LONGRIDGE RD.** Stunning 1-of-a-kind, 4+3/4 Deco hrm w/high **\$679,000**  
grand formal rms, workshop, level lot. GRUBB CO, James Garcia 339-0400

**CLARENDON CRESCENT.** Crocker Charm! 5/3 w/hdws, view, **\$639,000**  
bsmt w/potential, yd w/deck/patio. Coldwell Banker, Ellen 339-1174

**LANCE HILL.** Hiller Highlands. 3bdrms. 3 baths. Panoramic **\$599,000**  
large luxury end unit. LaSalle Properties, Carol Cohen 339-8900

**ESTATES DR.** Fab top to bottom remodel. 4/3 w/EIK, FDR, fam **\$599,000**  
dormal LR w/view. Grt location! GRUBB CO, Karen Starr 339-0400

**BROADWAY TER.** Montclair. 3bd/2+ba. New Listing! Custom w/ **\$599,000**  
details & finishes. FDR, kit/fam rm. Pacific Union, Nancy Moore 339-6460

**CARBOROUGH DR.** Montclair. 4bd/2+ba. New Listing! Family **\$565,000**  
Grt Piedmont Pines location. Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460

**BALBOA DR.** New Listing! SF & GG Views! Beautiful upgraded **\$549,000**  
Lg family rm. Decks & yard. Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

**GLASS HILL.** Hiller Highlands. Lovely 3bdrm, 2.5 bath. **\$539,950**  
New! Designed! LaSalle Properties, Victor Friero 339-8900

**WALA VISTA AVE.** Crocker. Just Listed! 1912 Craftsman. 3+2+ **\$519,000**  
b, bit-ins, box beams. Brick courtyard. Coldwell Banker, Ruby/Karen 339-1174

**CHELTON DR.** Montclair. New Listing! 4bd/2.5ba. Only 4yrs old. **\$500,000**  
Family room, hardwood floors. LaSalle Properties, Kate Castle 339-8900

**TRESTLE GLEN.** Crocker Highlands. Ivy covered Fr.Normandy. **\$499,000**  
w/ing windows. Very private. Huge lot. 3+bd/2ba plus aulair.

NOTE: PROPERTIES 415-563-5900

**BALBOA.** Montclair. New Price! 3+2/2 Artistic remodel of 1934 **\$499,000**  
Revivalist. GG vw. Fab garden! Prudential, Julie Nachwey 540-8743 2-4

**RAMY DR.** Upper Rockridge trad'l. Unique w/2 complete kitchens. **\$499,000**  
garden. 3/2.5 w/family rm. Hdws, frpl. GRUBB CO, Anian Tunney 339-0400

**MOORE DR.** Montclair. 3+bdrms. 3 baths. Cozy home in **\$495,000**  
woods. Prudential CA Realty 845-0200, Andrew Sussman 887-5857

**MARIA LN.** Gorgeous 3+bd/2ba custom w/fab SF city vw! FDR, **\$485,000**  
bsmt, office, fam rm, mstr retreat, 1st yd. GRUBB CO, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

**PINEHAVEN RD.** Montclair. Sophisticated 4bd/2+ba contemp in **\$479,000**  
setting. Family rm. Luxury mstr. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

**VIEWCREST DR.** Ridgmont. New Listing! Pristine 3+2+ w/ **\$469,000**  
plus sunroom, kit/family rm. 3-car gar. Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

**CHELSEA DR.** Montclair. New Listing! Quiet "Tahoe" setting. **\$469,000**  
1 1/2 ba. 2876 sq ft. Absolutely beautiful! Montclair Better Homes 339-4000

**BERMANN.** Lower Rockridge. House + duplex on one lot. Spac. **\$459,500**  
huge hrm.bsmt. FDR, hdws, bit-ins. Coldwell Banker, Darcy 339-1174

**INACLE HILL.** Hiller. 2+bd/3ba w/SF & GG views. End unit. **\$459,000**  
Grt ceilings. Garden patio. Prudential CA, Julie Lehman 898-9407 2-4

**PINENEEDLE.** Montclair. 4bd/3ba. Anonymous seclusion & **\$429,000**  
here. LaSalle Properties, Lois C. Johnson 339-8900

**ROSAL.** New Listing! Spacious & bright 2-story, 3+bd/3ba near **\$399,000**  
store. 2 fireplaces. Atkinson & Gallantini, Dorie 763-9901

**CALMAR.** Crocker. 4+bd/3.5ba. 2457 sq. ft. Brown Shingle on **\$399,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Felicia Owens 869-4211

**MANOR CREST.** Upper Rockridge. 2+bd/1.5ba Mediterranean **\$399,000**  
w/ing yd & views! New Listing. LaSalle Properties, Jeff Hilgert 339-8900

**WALA VISTA AVE.** Grand Lake. 1<sup>st</sup> open! Just Listed! 2-story, **\$399,000**  
Craftsman w/art studio & great gardens! Prudential CA Realty 834-2010

**NASH/Kate Phillips.** 763-4060/436-4100 2-5

**MARIA VISTA.** Grand Lake area. 4/2 Arts & Crafts Br Shingle w/ **\$399,000**  
big for art studio & more! 3-car gar.Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-410X

**MONTEREY BL.** Redwood Hts. 4bd/2ba. New Listing! Spacious, **\$389,500**  
bed. Family room. On 1/2 acre. Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCan 339-6460

**HOOVER.** Charming & spacious 3+2/2.5 Spanish Mediterranean **\$389,000**  
views. Beamed ceiling. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

**PARKRIDGE DR.** Expansive vws, EZ access to trails, sidewalks, **\$389,000**  
Home office. Gorgeous kitchen. 3bd. GRUBB CO, Katherine Cooper 339-0400

**VIRDEN.** Redwood Hts. New Listing! 4bd/2+ba Bay View **\$379,000**  
w/ing yd. Family rm w/frpl. Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

**MANZANITA.** Montclair. Expansive bay vw & all day sun! 3/2.5 **\$369,000**  
contemp w/frpl, 2 decks. Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

**TERABELLA WY.** Original tri-level, 3+2 w/beautiful bay & **\$367,000**  
views. FDR, EIK, family rm, 2 decks. GRUBB CO, Lani Dy 339-0400

**LEIMERT.** Upper Oakmore. 2+bd/2ba. New Listing! Lg gourmet **\$359,000**  
kitchen, patio, garden. Pristine condition. Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

**6850 GUNN DR.** Montclair. Nw Listing! 4/3. Beautiful wooded setting. **\$349,000**  
Fam rm, rumpus, poss.aupair w/sep entry. Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460

**5716 COLTON RD.** NEW LISTING! 3bd/2ba. Extras. **\$349,000**  
Art Realty 655-1159

**4614 REDWOOD RD.** Leona Park Villas. 3/2 1/2 Spanish Med townhs. **\$345,000**  
Lvl flagstone patio, mstr w/jacuzzi. Wooded vw. GRUBB CO, Susanne Paul 339-0400

**6050 SKYLINE BL.** Level-in w/pvt road on lg wooded lot. 2bd/2+ba. **\$339,500**  
Lg family rm. Just minutes to Berk & Montclair village. GRUBB CO, Bettina 339-0400

**1253 HOLMAN RD.** Crocker Highlands. New Listing! 3+1/1 trad'l. **\$329,000**  
FDR, updated kitchen. Level yard. LaSalle Properties, Helen Nicholas 339-8900

**7287 SARONI DR.** Worth the Walk! Spacious 12yr old Montclair hrm **\$325,000**  
w/canyon view! Home office set up. Coldwell Banker, David Eckert 339-1174

**6987 PASO ROBLES.** Montclair. 3bd/2ba w/plus room, hot tub, **\$299,000**  
patios & more. New Listing! Prudential CA Realty, Lisa Friedman 834-2010

**4242 DETROIT AVE.** Redwood Hts. Darling 2+bd/1ba sunny trad'l **\$269,000**  
w/FDR, brkfst rm, garage, level yd. Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

**3926 WOODRUFF.** Charming CA Bungalow in the Heart of Glenview. **\$269,000**  
3bd/1ba w/hdws. Fenced yd. Templeton Co, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 2-4

**3980 HANLY RD.** Oakmore. First Open! 3bd/2ba on quiet street. **\$259,000**  
Top location. LaSalle Properties, Mel Copland 339-8900

**3854 RHODA AVE.** Laurel. 3bd/2 1/2 ba. New paint in & out. New kit, **\$258,900**  
new carpet. Grt floor plan. New Listing! Prudential CA, Ardeene Swain 547-0429

**4285 WHITTLE AVE.** Oakmore. 2bd/1ba. Pristine. Woodsy. Move in! **\$249,000**  
LaSalle Properties, Vickie Chan Case 339-8900 X240

**260 CALDECOTT LN #310.** Beautiful upgraded 2/2 Carmel model. **\$244,900**  
Top floor. 2 mstr suites. Frpl. 2-car gar. Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

**4678 FAIR AVE.** Just Listed! Redwood Heights. 2bd/1ba spacious **\$239,000**  
Mediterranean starter. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400

**8019 STERLING DR.** Melrose Highlands. 3+2, hill vw, rustic setting. **\$233,500**  
FDR, huge family rm plus bonus rm! 2 frpls. Prudential CA, Louise Dixon 888-6331

**260 CALDECOTT #114.** Condo w/2 master suites. 2 yrs old. Pool. **\$230,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Carol Heath-Kim 527-9800 2-4

**5340 BROADWAY TER #101.** Upper Rockridge. New Listing! **\$220,000**  
Sunny & spacious 2bd/2ba w/Bay View! Montclair Better Homes RE 339-4000

**3230 MAPLE AVE.** Laurel district. Duplex. 2 units. Just listed! **\$219,000**  
Good income. Prudential CA Realty, David Otero 339-9290

**1726 19<sup>th</sup> AVE.** San Antonio District. Spacious remodeled Victorian. **\$219,000**  
4+bd/2ba w/lg kitchen. Corner lot. National R.E. Service, Charles Rivers 482-2380

**4130 BAYO ST.** Laurel district. 3bd/1.5ba w/cathedral ceilings. **\$215,000**  
Nice yard. LaSalle Properties, Keith Thorw 339-8900 2-4

**2800 MONTICELLO.** 3bd/1ba on corner lot w/view. New kit & bath. **\$199,000**  
Laundry rm. Bonus rm. New cpt/paint. Prudential CA, John Bergman 869-4913 2-5

**245 PERKINS #68.** Lake Merritt. Fab 2bd/2ba dramatic condo in **\$199,000**  
quality building. New Listing! Prudential CA Realty, Tony Stitz 834-2010

**325 VERNON #403.** Adams Point. New Listing! 2/2 on top floor w/ **\$195,000**  
SF view! Vaulted ceilings. Fireplaces. Prudential CA, Gene Bomber 869-4202

**7555 GREENLY DR.** New Listing! Nice 2bd/1ba w/huge bonus rm. **\$192,000**  
Big lot. Prudential CA Realty, Brian Santilena 339-9290

**220 CALDECOTT LN #309.** Spacious Berkeley model w/loft, maple **\$189,000**  
cabinets, cathedral ceiling. Lovely hill vw. Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

**7809 GREENLY.** Cross St. Keller. 3+bd/1ba with hill view. Hdwd frs, **\$179,000**  
fireplace, FDR, & separate live/work. Chang & Hardeman, Ramona Chang 482-3800

**260 CALDECOTT #207.** Golden Gate model in Parkwoods complex. **\$169,900**  
1bd/1ba. Extras! EZ Hwy 24/BART access. Prudential CA, Nancy Blom 464-1184

**3825 HIGH ST #207.** Great location in wonderful complex. 2bd/2ba **\$157,000**  
w/views. In-unit laundry. Must see! Prudential CA, Erik Johnson 339-2621

**8033 EARL ST.** 2bd/1ba. Country living in the city. **\$157,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Vikki Landes 339-9290

**4368 BENNETT PL.** Redwood Hts. 1bd/1ba charming cottage w/max. **\$154,000**  
privacy. Clean & neat. Grt neighborhood. Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCan 339-6460

**2980 PARK BL #1.** Rare two story condo. 2bdms, newer carpet in **\$149,000**  
unit laundry, wood burning stove. Small cozy complex. Wells & Bennett 531-7000

**ALAMEDA •••OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30•••**

**1356 MOUND.** New Listing! 3bd/2ba. Wonderful End Contemp. **\$359,000**  
Grt in/out living! Family room. Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

**2049 EAGLE AVE.** Price Reduced! Nice rehabbed Victorian Duplex. **\$359,000**  
3/2 up/4/2 dwn. All work done w/permits. Wells & Bennett, Michael 531-7000 X215

**ALBANY •••OPEN SUNDAY•••**

**729 SAN CARLOS AVE.** New Listing! 3bdrm. Updated kitchen, hdwd **\$349,000**  
floors, new roof. 2 bks to Solano Ave shopping. Prudential Landmark, Bob Brunner 982-0203 2-4:30

**600 SAN CARLOS AVE.** Cross St. Thousand Oaks. 3bd/1ba spacious **\$345,000**  
and charming Tudor family home. Corner lot. Desired location! Cathedral ceiling, hardwood floors, nook, great yard. By Owner 524-7226 2-4

**938 JACKSON.** Just Listed! Sunny 2+1/2. Updtd kit & bath. Quiet patio. **\$235,000**  
Storage. Nr shops, EZ commute. Berkeley Hills RE, Warren Lei 524-9888 X14 2-4

**723 PIERCE ST.** Albany Hill. Wonderful 3/1 w/filtered bay vw. 1bd **\$199,000**  
used as office/DR, but easily converted back. Updtd kit/ba. Breakfast nook. Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Alice McLeish 527-2700 2-4:30

## BERKELEY •••OPEN SUNDAY•••

**55 VICENTE.** Claremont. 3+bd/3ba ultra-sophisticated 4yr old Med. **\$1,050,000**  
Courtyd balconies. Bay/bridge views! Prudential CA, Colette Ford 848-1093 1-5

**2253 GLEN AVE.** 3bd/2ba. Spectacular remodel thru-out w/family rm. **\$698,000**  
Unique property w/creek & waterfall. Lawton Assoc., Lou Loveth 547-5970 2-4:30

**657 COLUSA AVE.** 1000 Oaks. New Listing! 4bd/2ba warm & quiet **\$450,000**  
family hrm. Generous rooms, level-out garden. Some GG bridge views. Excellent, convenient area. Tarpoff & Talbert, Anet Tarpoff 653-2050 2-4

**515 BAGMONT.** New Listing! Berkeley Hills Charming w/ SF & Bay **\$449,000**  
views. 3bd/2.5ba w/family room & large yd. Byrne Co., Anita Wilson 524-7531 2-5

**1793 SAN LORENZO.** Sunny 1000 Oaks Trad'l w/spacious rooms. **\$389,000**  
3bdms. Walk to Solano. Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 2-4

**1440 ORDWAY.** 3/2 warm Mediterranean w/arched windows & doors. **\$349,000**  
Hdws, frpl, Walk shopping/BART. Marvin Gardens, Richard 527-2700 X32 2-4:30

**2608 ASHBY AVE.** Beautiful 3/2 1/2 Craftsman. Hdws, updt electric & **\$299,000**  
plumbing. Walk to shops. Prudential CA, Greg Gayle 845-0200 2-4:30

**2617 M L KING JR. WY.** 3/1. Sunny & spacious. Hdws, frpl, laundry **\$260,000**  
hookup. Extra rm. Backyd. Prudential CA, Cynthia Johnson 869-5397 2-4:30

**1007 BACROFT WAY.** Nonconform Duplex. Front & back units, 1/1 **\$250,000**  
ea. Full bsmt. Laundry hookup. Prudential CA, Cynthia Johnson 869-5397 2-4:30

**1129 BLAKE ST.** Renovated ranch style 3+1/2. Handcapped access. **\$235,000**  
Lg fenced yd. Move in condition! Prudential CA, Barbara Hopper 845-0200 2-4:30

**1326 ORDWAY.** Delightful 1bd cottage w/non-conform studio. Private **\$169,000**  
patio/garden. Nr Monterey Mkt/BART. Thornwall, Kathryn Stein 848-1950 X230 2-4

**986 CRAGMONT.** Spectacular views from the hills! 5bdms. 2.5 baths. **\$169,000**  
Coldwell Banker, Cheryl Cahn 486-1495 2-4

**EL CERRITO •••OPEN SUNDAY 2-4•••**

**1025 ARLINGTON.** Secluded Alpine Lodge w/GG & Bay Vw. 1-level **\$875,000**  
6/4 on almost 1 ac. 2 garages. Berkeley Hills RE, Tracy Sichterman 524-9888 X27

**8631 THORS BAY.** Above Arlington. Just Listed! GG & city vws! Large **\$595,000**  
4/3 w/family rm, rec rm darkrm. Berkeley Hills RE, Maya Trilling 524-9888 X18

**709 MIDCREST WAY.** 4 bedrooms. 2 baths. **\$475,000**  
Prudential CA Realty, Anna Lei 527-9800 2-4:30

**5451 BARRETT.** 3bd/1.5ba Spanish Mediterranean w/huge LR, FDR, **\$329,500**  
updt gourmet kitchen. 2-car garage. Security Pacific, Geni Stern 234-7808

**7123 PLANK AVE.** 3bd/2ba. Spacious LR w/bay window. Kit w/brkfst **\$289,000**  
bar. Landscaped w/bonsai trees. Prudential CA, Nancy Taussig 845-0211 2-5

**5219 GORDON.** 4 bedrooms. 2 baths. **\$187,500**  
Prudential CA Realty, Waucarra Lewallen 527-9800

**EL SOBRANTE •••OPEN SUNDAY 2-4•••**

**5416 TANDEM LN.** Carriage Hills. Custom 4/3. Flat 1/4 acre lot at end **\$339,950**  
of cul-de-sac. In-ground pool & spa. Security Pacific, Carla Della Zoppa 669-5227

**KENSINGTON •••OPEN SUNDAY 2-4•••**

**207 YALE.** First Open Home! Very stylish 2bdrm w/wonderful bay **\$349,000**  
views & a pretty garden. Templeton Co, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134

**PIED**





THIS 1902 BROWN-SHINGLED DUPLEX on Piedmont Avenue in Berkeley has Elizabethan and Colonial Revival details, and is a fine example of Edwardian Era style.

## Edwardian

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Frank Havens was Oakland's biggest developer in the early twentieth century. In the 1910s and '20s, Tiffany and Company and individual Asian immigrant craftsmen steadily remodeled the original redwood First Bay Tradition home under the direction of Mr. Havens. Havens had a passion for all things oriental, and frequently collected objects d'art on his many business trips to Asia, and put them on display in this spacious residence. Only the scalloped-arched coach porch is visible from the street. One of the greatest mansions of the East Bay graces the huge lot at 25 Seaview Ave. at Lincoln Avenue. This mammoth residence was designed in 1912 by Oakland architect Edson F. Adams for William F. Knowland. Knowland was the publisher of

the Oakland Tribune and a United States Senator in the 1950s. He had his home designed in a baronial scale version of the neoclassic Beaux Arts style. The entryway, flanked by columns and topped by a wide balcony, is an especially nice feature. Julia Morgan was a favorite architect of many wealthy homebuilders in Piedmont during the 1910s and '20s. Two of her best Edwardian Era designs in Piedmont stand a block apart along Seaview Avenue. At 246 Seaview Ave. is the Ayer House, which Morgan designed with Old World craftsman-in-1914. This eclectic, half-timbered house mixes refined English Tudor and Medieval German elements, such as the finely-carved Tudor barge boards, and the ornate German plaster panels beneath the squared bay windows. At 216 Hampton Rd. at Seaview Avenue is one of Julia Morgan's most original modest-scale residences from the Edwardian

Era. It was designed in 1911 for the Walter Starr family. Here, Morgan employed a Mediterranean design. However, she used unique, Moorish-style "onion-dome"-like wooden tracery on the ground floor windows. The lush landscaping creates a strong sense of serenity, and the lot retains one of the original carved stone, dolphin-legged garden benches. Next time: We'll explore examples of Edwardian Era homes in two of the East Bay's most elegant neighborhoods: Alameda's Gold Coast and Berkeley's Claremont-Uplands district. Mark A. Wilson is a Realtor and architectural historian who works at Prudential California Realty's Albany office. He can be reached at (510) 273-9383.

## Tour

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A pre-purchased box lunch will be prepared by Blue Heron Catering. The raffle includes more than 200 prizes with Grand Prize hotel stays at the Mauna Lani and Mauna Kea hotels in Hawaii, La Quinta Resort near Palm Springs and Pointe Hilton Resort at Squaw Peak, Phoenix. Children's Support League has given more than \$425,000 to local children's charities since 1988, with the proceeds from this annual Tour, along with private and corporate donations. Last year agencies such as Ann Martin Children's Center, Bare Essentials for Babies, Calico Center, Children's Food Basket, Family Builders by Adoption, Through the Looking Glass and West Coast Children's Center were among the 14 grant recipients who used this money to help children and families in need. CSL hopes to fund even more programs with the proceeds from this year's tour. Advance tickets are available at \$20 and raffle tickets at \$2 each. Six raffle tickets for \$10 may be purchased by mail. Tickets for the tour and lunch are \$32 and must be bought by April 8. Send a check along with a legal-sized self-addressed stamped envelope to CSL, 6114 LaSalle Ave., Suite 187, Oakland, CA 94611. Advance tickets are also available at Prudential California Realty, 342 Highland Avenue, Piedmont; Pelago, 6134 Medau Place, Montclair; LaSalle Clock and Weather Co., 3344 Lake Shore Ave., Oakland; The Gift Horse, 2926 Domingo Avenue, Berkeley; The Gracious Gift, 4167 Piedmont Ave. Oakland; Traditions, 1716 Fourth Street, Berkeley; Lazy K House at Orchard Nursery, Lafayette; and David M. Brian, 1126 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek. For more information, please call (510) 273-9109.

## Report

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check the company's receivables. These are included in total assets, and what looks like a good current ratio could be hiding the fact that the company is owed a great deal.

### Income statement

To make sure the company is not inflating its earnings, check for entries called "extraordinary" or "non-recurring" gains or losses. In some instances, these could mean the company is selling assets to cover operating losses.

### Notes

Some of the most important information in the annual reports is disclosed in the "notes to consolidated financial statements." Information in this section discloses information about the company's accounting methods, taxes and other material information, such as litigation that could affect the company's future financial performance.

### Financial discussion

Unlike the chairman's or chief executive's letter, this portion of the report is required by the SEC. It can include vital information about the company's current business environment, mentioning both opportunities and risks. This section also includes a discussion of changes in the operating results from the previous year. If you have questions or concerns about something you read in a company's annual report, your financial consultant can help you more fully understand how it may or may not affect the company.

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## Alert

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safer alternative, even though stoves generally are more efficient.

■ **Electromagnetic interference (EMI):** Whether or not magnetic fields cause health problems is extremely controversial. Many healthy home professionals argue that electromagnetic fields from household wiring or from high-power transmission lines, is linked to leukemia and cancers, although David H. Cedeo, in his "Architectural Guide," that the jury remains out.

Many scientists go even further. The National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences concluded that "no causal evidence exists to show that magnetic fields are a human health hazard."

The council said that the statistical correlation between the incidence of childhood leukemia and proximity of homes to power lines, but said the studies rule out other reasons for the correlation, noting that homes near power lines may also have other characteristics of the home, density of the neighborhood, and traffic patterns.

■ **Heating and air conditioning:** Dirty air is often spread in a house by poorly installed, unsealed heating and air conditioning system. Waldman urges you to check their furnaces before they arrive. The American Lung Association suggests that furnaces be changed monthly. Humidifiers and conditioning drain pans should be cleaned regularly.

Good housekeeping is the



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**CHARMING SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN** .....\$389,000  
Two story home w/3+BR, 2.5BA, Bay views, beamed ceilings, kit w/breakfast nook, big fam rm that leads to nice yard w/deck bar area. 1924 Hoover. NONI ROBINSON 287-2573

**RETURN TO CALIFORNIA'S ROOTS** .....\$239,000  
Gracious Living in Mediterranean starter. Drinks in the serene garden followed by dinner in the FDR or relax w/friends in front of the fpl, watching the sunset on the bay. 4678 Fair Ave. PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**NEW LISTING** .....\$220,000  
Sunny & spacious condo in prestigious upper Rockridge w/view of SF bridges. New carpet & interior paint. Private balcony. 5340 Broadway Terrace #101. MARTHA SHIN 287-9806

**COMING SOON**

**1926 CLEMENS** .....\$325,000  
NEW LISTING. View + 3BR, beautiful plank floors, split level, completely fenced yard, updated kitchen, 2 fireplaces. Don't miss this! NAHID NASSIRI 531-1670

**BRAND NEW LISTING** .....\$1,625,000  
Beautiful and unique Danville Mediterranean "Villa" on over 5 acres of Camino Tassajara. 4BR, 3.5BA, 4800 sq. ft., wine cellar, pool, spa, waterfall. Hand plastered walls, "Old World" charm. OPEN SUN. 1-4, 5910 Bruce Drive MIRA GOETSCH (925) 837-2200

**WOW! NEW ON THE MARKET!** .....\$869,000  
Exceptional one year new Blackhawk home with marble entry, 5BR, 3.5BA, FDR, center island cooktop in light maple kitchen, large family room with fireplace connecting to sunroom. Gorgeous pool with waterfall & spa. BRENDA McDONALD/ALBERT OLSEN (925) 837-2200

**NEW SINGLE STORY CUSTOM HOME!** .....\$795,000  
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## Gooden named to Parade All-America team

Five El Cerrito players were together since seventh grade

By Peter Mentor

Andrew Gooden can run the mile in 5 minutes, 45 seconds.

That may not win him any races during the track season, but it just goes to show the kind of shape the 6-foot-10-inch center is in for basketball.

Gooden is a fabulous basketball player. The El Cerrito High senior rebounds, shoots inside and out, and plays the post as well as anyone.

Although he played the position in high school, he won't be going to the University of Kansas as a center. Just what he can do as a Division I college forward will be fun to see.

How good is Gooden? He was just chosen as a Parade All-American, being honored by the nationally distributed Sunday magazine.

"Every good player who has ever played has been picked," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "That includes Jason Kidd and Ray Young."

Past Parade picks are Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan.

There are 126 former Parade players currently playing in the NBA, including Kobe Bryant, Derek Harper, Robert Horry, Shaquille O'Neal, J.R. Reid and Glen Rice of the Los Angeles Lakers; Voshon Lenard, Jamal Mashburn, Alonzo Mourning and Terry Mills of the Miami Heat; and Anfernee Hardaway and Dominique Wilkins for the Orlando Magic.

Gooden was picked for Parade's third team out of the four teams picked. There are 10 players picked for each team, so overall it's the top 40 players in the nation. Being on the third team, that makes Gooden one of the top 30.

What was great about watching Gooden play was the way he did things other than just score. Sure, he could add up the points—he averaged 21 per game—but his passing, rebounding and defense were among the best on the team.

Gooden was not happy with his performance in the state finals. He scored 18 points and had 19 rebounds, but his shooting percentage was below par.

"I wish I had gone out with a bang," Gooden said, watching the Division I girls final from the seats after his game. "I see 9-for-22 (shooting), nothing was falling. I got real desperate. I was missing all my jumpers."

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EL CERRITO'S Andrew Gooden dunks the ball in the state championship game Saturday. Gooden was named to the Parade All-America team.



THE GAUCHOS (front row) Arionzo Moore, Jovan Harris, Andrew Gooden, Montri Vanderhorst, Jeremiah King, Emonte Jernigan; (back row) Steve Pruitt, Anthony Robinson, James Brown, Franco Hagan, Jamal Hill, Ronnie Lang, Kenneth James, Jason Washington, Billy Hill, Raymond Thomas, Sr., Raymond Thoms, Jr., coach Chris Huber.

## Gauchos best season comes to a close

El Cerrito wins 31 games, but falls in state basketball championship

By Peter Mentor

SACRAMENTO - It was a season to remember, one that the El Cerrito High boys basketball players should store away in their brains as a highlight of their youth.

No, it didn't end exactly the way the Gauchos would have wanted, but it wasn't what anyone would term a disappointment.

El Cerrito (31-4) had won 31 games, the most ever in school history. The Gauchos reached their dream of making it to the California Interscholastic Federation State Basketball Championship last Saturday.

They entered the game as the best Division III team in Northern California after winning the NorCal title a week before at the Arco Arena and no one was going to take that away from them.

They left the same building last Saturday as state runner-up after falling 77-71 to Washington Union High of Fresno.

"We expected to get there," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "It was a dream we hoped to attain and we did."

For some it is a dream and for us it was reality."

### Reality bites

The Panthers came in as the top-ranked Div. III team in the state and they lived up to the billing with four players in double figures led by DeShaun Stevenson's 26 points.

Three other Washington Union teams had already won state championships in as many tries, taking the Div. II title in 1985, and winning the Div. IV crown in both 1988 and 1996. This would be the Panthers' fourth state title and first in Div. III.

El Cerrito was ranked No. 2 in the state among Div. III teams this year and that ranking seemed to fit. This was, for the Gauchos, their first trip to a state championship.

There were high points. Jamal Hill had a career game, hitting eight of nine shots from the field and seven of 11 from the line for a team-high 23 points.

Andrew Gooden, the Kansas-bound senior center who was the centerpiece for the Gauchos, scored 18 points and had 19 rebounds.

Jovan Harris scored 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds, while Emonte Jernigan scored 12 points and canned four of nine 3-pointers.

### Gauchos' run

The game itself was no blowout. It was more a tale of two runs. The game was tied 37-37 at halftime, but that must be prefaced by why it was tied.

The Gauchos had to put together a torrid 13-0 run late in the second quarter to get back into this game.

That run would be one of the finest moments for this team. It highlighted three players who would get their team back into the game. It would also be the beginning of the end for El Cerrito, but more about that later.

Gooden started the run with a reverse jam. He followed that by slamming another dunk off an offensive rebound.

Then Hill dunked one and hit another basket on a feed from Harris. Later, Hill was fouled by Stevenson, and he hit one of two free throws.

The Gauchos didn't have a handle on the ball their next time up the floor, but Gooden was able to pick it up underneath the hoop and slam it home for a one-

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## Sampson and Diggs shine for Berkeley track

### St. Mary's boys win K-Bell Classic

Staff report

Kaila Sampson and Daveed Diggs seem to be pretty good at overcoming hurdles.

At least, the two Berkeley High School speedsters were when they spent back-to-back weekends running invitations in the heart of the Silicon Valley.

The two backed up solid performances at the K-Bell Classic in Los Gatos one weekend with championship performances a week later at the West Valley Relays in Saratoga at West Valley Community College.

Sampson won the girls 400-meter low hurdles and Diggs was first in the boys 110-meter high hurdles to lead the Berkeley effort at the West Valley Relays last weekend.

Sampson finished first in the 400 hurdles in 1 minute, 6.34 seconds and she was second in the 100 low hurdles in 15.72 to star for the Yellowjackets. Diggs supported Sampson's solid

showing with a win of his own in the 110 highs, covering the distance in 14.98 for a Berkeley victory.

Crystal Copes heaved the shot put 33.9 1/4 to finish third for the Berkeley girls.

Another local standout, Skyline's Emily Dixon, also finished strong at West Valley. Dixon nailed a second-place finish in the 1,500-meter run in 5:01.84.

### St. Mary's wins K-Bell

A week earlier, Diggs and Sampson each placed for the Jackets, but it was the St. Mary's boys team running to top honors among local athletes in the K-Bell field.

St. Mary's ran up 52 points to win the boys team title at the meet with Silver Creek of San Jose a close second at 46.

Kimani Lovan and Ebon Glenn were each winners to top a list of four placers in five events for St. Mary's at the meet.

Lovan romped to a win in the 400 meters in 49.97 with teammate Denye Versher second in 51:04. Glenn soared to a victory in the high jump with a 6-4 effort for the Panthers.

Paki Gordon placed third in two events for St. Mary's at the K-Bell. Gordon sprinted to a third in the 100 in 11.21 and breezed to a third in the 200 in 23.06.

Clement Owunna of Skyline covered the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.26 to win a K-Bell gold. Diggs finished third in the event in 15:04, and Halihi Guy of Berkeley was third in the 300 intermediate hurdles in 40.36.

Alex Mason of St. Joseph's cruised to a first-place finish in the 800 meters in 1:59.28.

In girls action at the K-Bell Classic, Berkeley's Tatiana Newman and Rosie Aikens of St. Mary's were each first-place finishers. Newman tied for first in the long jump with a leap of 18-0 1/4, and Aikens was tops in the discus with a toss of 127-6 1/2.

St. Mary's Kamaiya Warren was second in the shot put with a 38-5 effort, and Sampson was a double placer in the hurdles for Berkeley, finishing third in the 100 lows in 16.09 and third in the 300 lows in 47.85.

## Cougars trounce Panthers in non-league baseball

By Mike McGreehan

Albany High School beat St. Mary's 12-3 in a non-league contest on Monday to move above the .500 mark in preseason baseball.

Pitcher Stephen Rice-Taylor picked up the win as the Cougars improved to 4-3. Tim Onweller highlighted the offense with a home run in a game that lasted five innings.

Rice-Taylor and Onweller will be just two key ingredients for the Cougars this season, as they look ahead to the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League campaign.

"We have a lot of seniors and some high expectations," said Albany coach Josh Freeman. "I think we'll definitely go to the playoffs again, and depending on how we play, get a North Coast bid."

### Starting rotation

Rice-Taylor makes up one-fourth of a promising starting rotation. Mark Johnson and Jnana Neilson, like Rice-Taylor, are right-handers. Ted Smith-Peterson is

the lone lefty. All four are seniors.

Smith-Peterson, when not pitching, will play first base. Darrel Wirth takes over at first when Smith-Peterson is on the mound.

The rest of the infield is very solid as well, with David Avila-Silver at third base, Johnny Ball at second and sophomore Chris Weakley at shortstop.

The Onweller brothers, Tim and Robert, will be in the outfield with Billy Bennett.

The Cougars have especially high hopes for returning all-league catcher Todd Eagle, who is being scouted by Pac-10 school Arizona State.

"He's going to be a big team leader," said Freeman.

The Cougars have a game Friday at De Anza, then comes an alumni game on the weekend and a game against Kennedy on March 31.

The Alhambra Tournament concludes the preseason. It runs April 3-7.

Albany and St. Mary's will meet again for the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener April 14 at Albany's Cougar Field.





EL CERRITO'S Montri Vanderhorst (left) sits dejectedly while Jeremiah King (center) is consoled by Billy Hill (right) after the Gauchos' 77-71 loss to Washington Union in the state Division III basketball finals.

## Gauchos

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point lead with 2:15 left in the first half.

Harris had one of the sweetest baskets of the game when he weaved in between a crowd of Panthers to slip in a layup for a 37-34 lead.

Washington Union senior Shamell Stallworth was able to hit a 3-pointer just before halftime that ended El Cerrito's hot streak and sent the two teams into the locker room knotted.

### Uncharacteristic quarter

If there was one time when El Cerrito felt confident in its game this

season it was the third quarter. That seemed to be the time when the Gauchos would turn it on and put teams away.

This time El Cerrito hit the first basket of the third quarter when Hill scored on an offensive rebound for the 39-37 advantage. It would be the last lead of the season for the Gauchos.

Washington Union proceeded to go on a 26-7 run that changed everything. The Panthers had taken the Gauchos' script and stolen the part.

What broke the game open were four 3-pointers by Washington Union. DeShaun Anderson nailed one that put the Panthers ahead to stay.

Gooden committed his third foul and had to sit for a while. In the big

guy's absence, the Panthers hit two more threes, one from beyond the arc by Anderson, and then another pro 3-pointer by Stallworth.

Even with Gooden back on the floor Stallworth hit another three for the biggest lead of the night at 63-46. The Gauchos were able to trim the lead to six by the end of the game, but that 17-point margin was just too much to overcome for a team that was tired.

El Cerrito had come back once in the game, but twice against a team of this caliber was too much to ask.

"We spent most of the game playing catch-up," said Jernigan. "In the second half they started making substitutions, bringing in fresh legs. We started getting tired. You can only do it for so long."

Richmond Police Activities League.

"All the seniors played in the PAL," said senior Jovan Harris. "We've all been together since seventh grade. A lot of people said we would come apart. We argue, but we're all friends."

Harris, who is on his way to St. Mary's College in Moraga next fall, can also run the mile in under six minutes. All the players can, because Huber takes them out on the track before the season starts and runs them.

"If they can't run a mile in under six minutes they don't make the team," said Huber. "They have to come here in shape. I want to teach them basketball, not get them in shape."

Every great team has a player who defines it and Gooden is the guy. But there were 14 players on the team by the time it reached the state finals. All of them deserve credit, whether they scored big points or were there just to support their teammates.

They include: seniors Jeremiah King, Montri Vanderhorst, Emonte Jernigan, Alonzo Moore, Jovan Harris and Gooden; juniors Billy Hill, Jamal Hill, Ronnie Lang and Jason Washington; sophomores Franco Harris, Kenneth James, James Brown and David Hagan.

## Berkeley lax booking a return trip to state finals

By Richard Karraker

A return trip to the state finals is the main goal for Berkeley boys lacrosse this year - and why not?

Last year the Yellowjackets were a dominant power in Bay Area lacrosse on all levels.

The varsity boys team finished first in Northern California and second in the state. The junior varsity boys won the NorCal championship and the girls team came in second in the NorCal playoffs.

This year's varsity boys team is strong again. Only three starters from last year's squad have graduated. However, each of them was an all-league selection.

### The team

The defense is led by senior Sam Woodams-Roberts, a three-year varsity performer. He is joined by Peter Gerritz and Nathan Dahl, an all-league football player.

Newcomers Owen Sims and David Yeaton-Massey show great promise for years to come. The defense is anchored by Santiago Lerma, a senior goalie with all-league potential.

The attack is led by Nick Bradley and Peter Fisher. This high scoring duo will bear the brunt of the scoring burden this season.

They will be aided on attack by Wyatt Miller, Joey Watanabe and Richard Faszholtz, all from last year's successful JV team.

The midfield will be led by Ben Schooler, an all-league football and lacrosse player who is a hard hitter.

Tom Smith, Luke Boggs, Scott Holmes-Schambelan, Johannes Houmla as well as Owen Russell and Lief Sorenson make all the Berkeley lines solid at midfield.

### Season starts

The season started with a lackluster 8-5 win over Novato.

The Jackets were seriously short-handed. They played with only four midfielders instead of the usual 10, yet still pulled out the victory.

Berkeley then went on the road and defeated archrival Bishop O'Dowd 5-3. The game was played under sloppy conditions which held the scoring down.

Berkeley was happy to get a win against this team regardless of the score.

The Jackets then blew a less Skyline 13-0. It was a shutout of the season's best defense and for goalie Lerma.

Last Saturday morning School, Berkeley became overconfident.

The Jackets came away were defeated by a previous pressive Menlo squad.

Berkeley reaches one of the season Tuesday on against Skyline.

After that the Jackets the top seeds in the state Gate tournament in Novato.

Berkeley will play double-headers against St. Ignatius, O'Connell and Alacanes after the tournament.

Berkeley is looking for a return trip to the state finals.

"This year our goal is to make it to the state championship but to win it all," said senior Ben Schooler, who scored in the win over Alacanes (see related story). The season seems to sum up the season of high hopes.

## Locals take 2nd in judo tournament

Three local judo athletes were part of a team that the East Bay Judo Institute brought to the Cupertino Annual Judo Tournament on March 14.

They included Stephanie Hata of El Cerrito High School, Dale Hata of Madera Elementary and Sayaka Matsumoto of St. Mary's High in Berkeley. Matsumoto and both Hatas each took second place in their respective divisions with identical 3-1 marks.

East Bay Judo Institute students Steve Markus and Philip Lau also competed.

### Matsumoto licensed

In other news, East Bay Judo Institute head instructor Dr. David Matsumoto recently received his international A referee license from the

International Judo Federation.

This license is the highest granted to referees and is required of those who officiate at the highest levels of the sport, such as the world championships and the Olympics.

Matsumoto, a U.C.-Berkeley graduate, has been the East Bay Judo Institute head instructor for 16 years. A fifth-degree black belt, he is currently program director of development for USA Judo. Matsumoto works full-time as a professor of psychology at San Francisco State.

East Bay Judo Institute, which is also very active in cultural exchange programs, is hosting a contingent of 11 students and two instructors from Japan's Kanto University Judo Federation through Saturday.

The Kanto delegation includes Kazunari Nakamura and Wakayama. Nakamura is at Japan's National Defense University, Wakayama, a five-time champion at the prestigious All-Japan Championships, is an instructor at the National Budo University.

Also visiting the East Bay Judo Institute from Japan are school students and one instructor, who will be in April 3.

The three are visiting the Judo Institute through the High School Judo Clinic, which is now in its 25th year.

### Japanese visitors

## Gooden

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So, after that kind of performance, was this highly acclaimed player dragging his heels and pouting after the game? Not likely.

"This was my best season, it was like a dream come true," said Gooden.

"This season was real fun. The best part was getting to the state game."

One must note that this was complete team. Huber said it was the most talented team he has ever had. His 1989 team that went 29-3 and was as good, but a lot of that was team chemistry.

The 1999 El Cerrito team had a group of seniors who had played together since middle school in the

## ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



**Jeremiah King**  
El Cerrito High  
Basketball

Jeremiah King is the unheralded point guard for the state runner-up Gauchos this season. Among the players on the team, King played a huge, yet quiet part in their success.

"He is the one person who has sacrificed his game for the good of the team," said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber. "He took few shots, played defense, passed and was the coach on the floor. He is one kid who definitely improved his game both mentally and physically."



**Nichole Hardaway**  
Berkeley High  
Basketball

Nichole Hardaway was consistent for Berkeley High all season, but she really came on strong in the Northern California playoffs for the Yellowjackets.

The 6-foot-2 senior center helped the team reach the NorCal finals with high performances in wins over St. Ignatius and Castlemont and the loss to eventual state champion Archbishop Mitty in the NorCal finals.

Hardaway was a leader all season as one of two senior starters.

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## Violence and terror

"Ravenshead," a modern opera about circling the globe, with only wind and rain for companionship, is Berkeley Repertory Theatre's second Parsifal production this year.

The production continues in a limited run through April 4 at the Florence Schwimley Little Theatre, at 1920 Allston Way at Martin Luther King Jr. Way.



DE RICKERT in Ravenshead.

"Ravenshead" is a modern opera based on the true story of Donald Crowhurst (in the play Richard Ravenshead), a flamboyant British electronics manufacturer who convinced himself and others he would win the 1968 Golden Globe race — a nonstop, solo sail around the world. Months after the start of the race, his trimaran Teignmouth Electron disappeared in the mid-Atlantic structurally intact with no one on board. Through his log books it was discovered that, after a series of blunders but him irrevocably off course, Crowhurst concocted a plan to hide in the Atlantic's seldom navigated southern waters and then sprint to the finish as his competitors rounded Cape Horn.

With the likelihood his deception would be discovered, Crowhurst's fragile psyche began to unravel and it is believed that after 243 days he simply stepped off his boat mid-ocean. "Ravenshead" presents a re-examination of mythology, ideology and the nature of "truth." Tickets for Ravenshead are priced between \$24.50 and \$35, depending on the day of the week (\$19.50 for Previews, \$12.25-\$14.75 for HotTix). Exchange tickets by phone with VISA, MasterCard or Discover, call the Berkeley Rep Box Office at 845-4700.

## Spring Revels

The Hanes Family presents "Spring Revels" on Saturday, April 3, at 8 p.m. at the Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley.

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HANES FAMILY performs April 3 at Freight & Salvage.

Appole. Rutherford B., Lee Harvey, Burl, Lurlene and Woleen Hanes play guitar, string bass, mandolin and sing in rich harmonies, mixing old-time folk, and country-western songs with originals and traditional tunes around the world. Vocalist Catherine Rose Crowther and other special guests will join them.

Tickets: \$13.50 advance / \$14.50 door. For show information, call the Freight & Salvage Coffeehouse 510/548-1761.

## Part for the Birds

The UC Alumni Chorus Spring Concert featuring the UCCE Madrigal Chorus and a premier performance of Kirke Mechem's Choral Cycle Winged Victory will take place on Sunday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant streets in Berkeley.

Tickets will be available at the door and are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students, seniors and handicapped. To order tickets or for more information, please call the UC Choral Ensembles at 643-9645, or send your check payable to UCAC) to UCAC, 51 Cesar Chavez Center, #4280, Berkeley, CA 94720-4280.

The UC Alumni Chorus was formed in 1985, inspired by the centennial of the UC Glee Club. Members have either attended the University of California or are members of the faculty and staff. Many sang in extracurricular music groups as students. Current membership ranges from recent graduates to alumni of many years' standing.

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## Play dances around Peron turbulence

By Pat Craig

If you saw "Evita" during its San Francisco run over the past several weeks, "The Magic Fire" will give you a peek at the other side of the coin. The play, by playwright and director Lillian Garrett-Groag, deals with a family of European immigrants living in Argentina and trying to get away from the fascist government of dictator Juan Peron.

The play was commissioned by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, and was performed last year at the Kennedy Center in Wash-

ington, D.C., after its Ashland debut in 1997.

Lise Berg narrates the story of her family's immigration to Argentina from Austria and Italy. It is set in 1952, when Lise was 7 and Argentina is caught up in the death of Eva Peron.

The family has escaped Hitler's Europe, only to find themselves caught up in Argentina's ongoing turmoil. As the Peron problems grow, the music-loving eccentricities of the Guarneri/Berg families attempt to insulate themselves from the outside craziness by tossing insults and cre-

ating a craziness of their own inside the house.

As Wagner and tango play in the background, Lise's story unfolds, becoming a tale of both hope and despair as she discovers what she has forgotten is as important as what she remembers.

Cast members in the Berkeley Rep show include Kandis Chappell, who performed in the company's recent "Antony and Cleopatra," Lauren Marie Sliter, Alexandra Muhler, Sharon Lockwood, Peter Van Norden, Judith-Marie Bergan, Joy Carlin, Barbara Oliver, Charles Dean and

## 'THE MAGIC FIRE'

"The Magic Fire," by Lillian Garrett-Groag, Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays with some Thursday and Sunday matinees. Tickets, \$34.50-\$45. Details: 845-4700.

Charles Shaw Robinson.

The production is directed by Tony Award-winner Jack O'Brien.



THE SUBWAY TUNNELS of Buenos Aires are the setting of "Moebius," a thriller premiering Monday for a six-day run at the Fine Arts Cinema.

## Fine Arts premiering Argentine sci-fi thriller

"Moebius" by Argentinean filmmaker Gustavo Mosquera, opens Monday at the Fine Arts Cinema for a Bay Area theatrical premiere.

The play dates are Monday, March 29 through Saturday, April 3 at 7:15 p.m. nightly. The filmmaker will make a rare appearance on Saturday April 3, at 7:15 to present the film and questions and answers.

The film is a sci-fi thriller about a subway train that disappears beneath Buenos Aires, causing untold headaches for the chief of the trans-

it system. Relatives of the missing passengers keep hounding him wanting to know what has happened. More baffling, the stop-and-go signals in the labyrinthine system go haywire, as if an invisible ghost train is forever barreling down the tracks.

The harried transit chief calls upon a young investigator (Guillermo Angellelli) to unravel the mystery. The investigator's research leads him down many dark corridors and dead ends. Finally, he tracks down his old math professor's notebook. It's full

of scribbles and equations exploring the prospects of traveling into a hyperspace "Moebius" dimension outside the bounds of the real world.

Moebius is named for the Moebius strip, the never-ending, inverted loop designed by German mathematician August Moebius.

Many critics have read Moebius as an allegory for the thousands of civilians who have disappeared in Argentina while it was under rule by a military dictatorship. Director Mosquera accepts this interpretation, and

adds that the film embodies many other personal concerns, ranging from his love for M.C. Escher's artwork to the influence of Jorge Luis Borges' novels.

"Moebius" is part of a double bill. Also on the program is San Francisco filmmaker Craig Baldwin's masterwork "Tribulation 99: Alien Anomalies Under America," a film that drips with Latin and Central American conspiracy and intrigue. It screens nightly at 9 p.m., Saturday also at 6:10 p.m.

## A poetic look at Spanish Civil War

"The Spanish Civil War in Poetry — Mine and Yours" is the title of the first ALBA-Bill Sennett lecture, featuring Philip Levine, well-known California poet.

The event, co-sponsored by the Bancroft Library of the University of California, and the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA) will be held April 8 in the Maude Fife room — 315 Wheeler Hall — on the UC Berkeley campus at 7:30 p.m.

It has been 60 years since the end of the Spanish Civil War, a conflict that beckoned approximately 3,000 Americans to Spain to defend the duly elected Republic. They joined the International Brigades and became known as the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Bill Sennett, a resident of San Francisco, went by boat to Spain in February of 1937, via Paris, then walked with French guides over the

Pyrenees into Spain in the darkness of night. There he joined the International Brigades and was assigned to the Regiment de Tren, a transportation regiment. "Most of us had never driven trucks," said Sennett. "But we learned to drive those big cumbersome trucks. We transported soldiers to the front, picked up dead bodies, and at times acted as hearses, we moved the wounded, and brought artillery and ammunition to the front." Sennett served in Spain for almost two years.

ALBA is a nonprofit, education organization, dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. The ALBA-Bill Sennett lecture honors ALBA's first West Coast board member.

Philip Levine's talk will focus on Spanish Civil War poetry and reflects Levine's lifetime interest in the subject. Born in Detroit, Michigan, in

1928, he has often depicted working-class subjects in his extensive body of poetry. Many of his poems draw inspiration from the Spanish Civil War. "My obsession with the Spanish Civil War began during the civil war itself ... when I was very young," Levine once told an interviewer.

"The Nazis and the Italians were there supporting the Fascist army ... And so-called western democracies were doing a pathetic job of combatting it. They were looking the other way. And if you look into history you know that they wanted fascism to succeed. It was a way of eliminating communism."

Levine's poems often appear in "The New Yorker." His recent books include "A Walk With Tom Jefferson" (1988), "What Works" (1991) and "The Simple Truth" (1994).

Refreshments will be served following the lecture.

## UC hosts first U.S. exhibition by van der Keuken

## CAMERA

"One eye on the Camera, the Other on the World" will be on view in the BAM/PFA Theater Gallery (enter at the Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant Ave.). The Theater Gallery, which is free to the public, is open from 8 a.m. Monday to Friday, and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and closes at the end of the last Pacific Film Archive screening.

Robert Koch Gallery. Van der Keuken's work is especially suited for exhibition at the UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, the only Bay Area institution that presents ongoing series of both art and film within the one venue.

The Pacific Film Archive screenings are scheduled for Thursday, April

8; Tuesday, April 13; Thursday, April 15; Tuesday, April 20; and Thursday, April 22. Johan van der Keuken will be present in person at the screenings on April 20 and 22. For further information on PFA programs, please call 642-1412. For further information on UC-Berkeley Art Museum programs, call 642-0808.

## "Rock for Julia" is benefit for Morgan Theatre

On April 2 the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts is holding "Rock for Julia," a benefit musical event to help the center and theater in its ongoing battle to stay financially afloat.

The event is the brainchild of General Manager George Oram, who took over management of the beleaguered venue in May 1998 and has breathed new life into the center by booking a wide range of new programs and events.

"If this event is successful we hope to have many more events just like it, with different bands each time," said the gregarious 63-year-old Oram. "We'd like to make the Julia Morgan Theater the cultural center for Berkeley and the East Bay. I think a show like this can help put us on the map."

The Julia Morgan Theatre was built around the 1900s and was originally used as a church. It was converted to a theatre in the late 1980s and currently hosts performances of the Berkeley Opera and the Berkeley Ballet Theatre among others.

The event will be held Friday, April 2 at 8 p.m. in the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave.

A sampling of the finest in East Bay local music featuring funky headliners "Tang," pop/rockers "World Record," Stevie Wonder cover band "Wonderland," and hard '70s rockers "Flange." The cost is \$5.



## Events

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### Poetry reading

The Lunch Poems Reading Series presents award-winner Marie Howe on Thursday, April 1 from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in the Lipman Room on the eighth floor of Barrows Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. Former U.S. Poet Laureate and current UC Professor Robert Hass will introduce. Admission is free.

Marie Howe's long-awaited second collection of poetry, "What the Living Do," has been praised for its unflinching poems, which arrive at deeply-held personal, social, and psychological truths by refusing to turn away from the transformative power of grief. Her first book, *The Good Thief*, was selected by Margaret At-

wood for the National Poetry Series. Both works illustrate the spare, insistent force of Howe's words in describing the most mundane, and at times tragic, situations, from the spilling of morning coffee to her father's stumbling, late-night march to one of his daughter's rooms. Poet Mark Doty notes, "Marie Howe has reinvented the elegy as a poem for the living, a poem of instruction, how we're educated by grief, brought to ourselves and our senses as we are 'gripped by cherishing.'"

Long, elegant lines and bare language characterize Howe's delving into the painfully-learned sexual politics of games played in sixth grade or the last frames of dialogue she shared with her brother prior to his death from complications from the AIDS virus. About a dream of her brother, she writes, "And he looked down, then back up / at me. It was the look we'd pass / across the

kitchen table when Dad was drunk again and dangerous, / the level look that wants to tell you something, / in a crowded room, something important, and can't." Her ability to register the volatile moments that compress the complexity of a love relationship, a family bond, into a piercing image has made her writing vitally important to an extensive audience of poetry lovers and common readers nationwide.

### Berkeley Chamber

Berkeley Chamber Performances presents *Le Due Cantarici*, an evening of duets and 50105, both vocal and instrumental. Featured are Susan Rode Morris and Kirsten Falke, sopranos, Burke Schuchmann, cello and Mary Sharnan, piano performing music of J.S. Bach, Brahms, Faure, Wolf, Dvorak, Granados, Vaughan Williams, Rossini and others. Tickets available at the door or

by mail. General \$15., Students and Seniors \$12. Berkeley City Club, Durant Ave. Ticket information: 525-5211.

### Berkeley Symphony

On Wednesday, April 7, Maestro Kent Nagano will conduct the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra in Karol Szymanowski's Violin Concerto No. 1. Kasimierz Olechowski, concertmaster of the Lyon Opera Orchestra, will be the featured soloist. The program will also include Anton Bruckner's Symphony No. 9. Stuart Canin will be the evening's concertmaster. Szymanowski's Violin Concerto No. 1 is one of the Polish-born composer's most important works from the years of World War I. The work's premiere was scheduled to take place in St. Petersburg in 1917, but the outbreak of revolution forced its cancellation. The concerto finally had its first performance on November

1, 1922, in Warsaw. Formally the work has almost nothing to do with conventional concerto principles. Instead of the three-movement design traditional to this genre, Szymanowski constructs the piece as a single movement in several broad sections. Nor is there an orderly development of two or three principal themes. Instead, myriad melodic ideas emerge and vanish, sometimes to reappear again. The music moves freely between passages of animation and languor, progressing through a series of climaxes to an extended cadenza for the soloist. This is followed by a transcendent orchestral outburst forming the climax of the entire concerto. From there, the music subsides to a quiet conclusion.

Bruckner's Ninth Symphony was actually his tenth. To further complicate the matter, Bruckner completed its first three movements prior to his death in 1896, but left the

fourth unfinished. Several have been advanced for completion. The general solution is to perform the movements that Bruckner completed. This is the solution that will be followed in the Berkeley Symphony's performance.

All mainstage concert performances are held at Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley campus, at the intersection of Bayview and Dana Street. Tickets range from \$19-\$35 (\$10 for full students). For tickets or information call 841-2800 or 642-9988.

### Easter Bunny at Children's Fairland

The Easter Bunny has been advanced for completion. The general solution is to perform the movements that Bruckner completed. This is the solution that will be followed in the Berkeley Symphony's performance.

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### Preservation of Urban Trees

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and forever locks-in the delineation between roots and the trunk of the tree.

The important thing to remember in this regard is that wood cells are subject to rot and root cells are not. Therefore, the lower portions of tree trunks should be subjected to soil buildup.

The most common cause of a soil buildup is the result of either human intent or neglect. Quite often we make the mistake of cultivating and rising the soil level right around the base of the trees.

But more often we don't notice that the ground cover plantings have enveloped the lower portions of the tree's trunk. Ivy is the worst culprit but ground covers can create the same problem.

It takes a number of years for the base of the tree to actually rot out and cause the demise of the entire tree. But, one more year of procrastination may be one year too many. Let's keep our urban trees healthy! If there are any questions, you have regarding your trees or shrubs, please call 530-8346.

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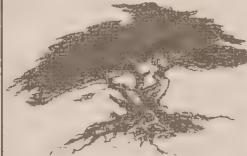
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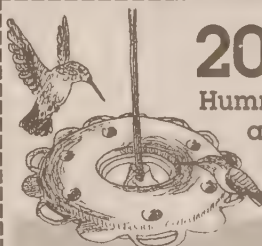
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**Downtown Berkeley YMCA** is sponsoring "Kids Spring Fling at the YMCA." Kids will have the opportunity to splash in Splash, a program which allows kids and families to be safer in and around the water. Healthy Kids Day, taking place on Friday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. is free to the public and aimed at families spending fun time together while improving their health. Various day camps, aimed at teaching kids the value of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility are also available. For more information on how to register for the various programs call 848-9622.

## Albany

**City of El Cerrito** is continuing its water aerobics swim schedule through April 30. Call 215-4376 for details, prices and additional information.

## Albany

**Arts and Places**, watercolors by Susan Cornelis exhibit will continue through May 17 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Blvd., Albany. Details: 524-9283.

## Albany

**Swing and Jitterbug**; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate;

four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

**Vista College**, Through May 24; "American Fiction: 1945 to the Present" with Dr. Yehudit Goldfarb; \$38 All classes located on the UC-Berkeley campus; 841-8860.

## Health

### Ongoing

**YWCA Health and Community Education**; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**GAIA Bookstore and Community Center**, is sponsoring global ceremonies and blessings in gratitude for GAIA's Rebirth on Saturday, March 27 from noon to 10 p.m. Free event tickets with purchase of author's featured book or \$3 without book purchase. Buy the author's book on the event night and deduct \$3 ticket from the price of book, unless otherwise noted. Details and schedule: 548-4178 ex 107.

**Friends of Albany Hills** will hold its monthly urban forest restoration project on Saturday, March 27 and April 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Taft Street turnaround on top of Albany Hill. Wear

long sleeve, work gloves, long pants, socks, sturdy shoes. Learn to differentiate native and exotic vegetation from UC botanist Barbara Entler. For information call Carole Fitzgerald at 528-3238 or Hortensia Chang at 528-8369.

**Nexus Art Gallery**, 2701 Eighth St., concludes its Arts Mini-festival Sunday March 28, with artists Alissa Blackman, Dan Coshnair, Ruth Goldstone and David Porter. Performances begin at 3 p.m. The festival runs Thursday through Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. For information call John 849-0106 or Robert at 849-0106.

**North Berkeley Senior Center**, 1901 Hearst St., a non profit organization dedicated to serving the community is sponsoring a "Make Easter Baskets for Children's Hospital" with Deede Sloan at 1 p.m. on March 29. Details: call 644-6107.

**The Women's Cancer Resource Center**, 3023 Shattuck Ave., presents its next volunteer session on April 10-18. Speakers will present topics on the biology of cancer, western and complementary therapies, environmental linkages, caregiving and grief. For more information call 548-9272.

**The City of El Cerrito** is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12+ for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito

Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

**The Alameda County Community Food Bank**, 10001 Russel St., sponsors Hunger Awareness Month Community Convention on Tuesday, March 30. Showcase of volunteers and daily operations will take place from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a Public Policy/Hunger panel discussion and a social potluck from 5 to 7 p.m. RSVP by calling 568-3663.

**"Work Buddies"**, volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project**, the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse drug treatment: medical model drug treatment and social model drug treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors**, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday

of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

**New Beginnings** - a chemical dependency treatment program at Doctors Medical Center in Pinole - offers community support group information, free assessments, education and counselors who can talk about drug and alcohol dependency treatment and prevention. Call 724-1520 for information.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King middle school, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

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## Exhibits

**Traywick Gallery**, 1316 Tenth St., announces "Sequences" an exhibition featuring a portfolio of print formatted by 29 internationally-known artists and published by Edition Schellman of New York and Munich. Call Katrina Traywick at 527-1214 for more information.

**Photographs and prints** by Ricardo Gil, Selko Tachibana, and David Wolf will be on exhibit through March 28 at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m. Admission is free.

**Addison Street Windows**, 2018 Addison St., continues its exhibit "Of These No Elegy" through April 2. Artists talk are Tuesday March 23, 7 p.m. at 495 Embarcadero West and Washington.

**New Pieces Gallery** presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

**A New Leaf Gallery**, 1288 Gilman St., is featuring "Passages", 12 sculptors explore Explicit or Metaphorical Passages. The exhibit will run through April 18. Hours are Wednesday, through Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 525-7621 for details.

**The East Bay Women Artists** present an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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The show runs February 18-21 and February 26-28, with Friday and Saturday shows at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday shows at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets for the Berkeley Opera can be purchased through the Willows Theatre Company, a member of the Community Box Office Network at (925) 798-1300.

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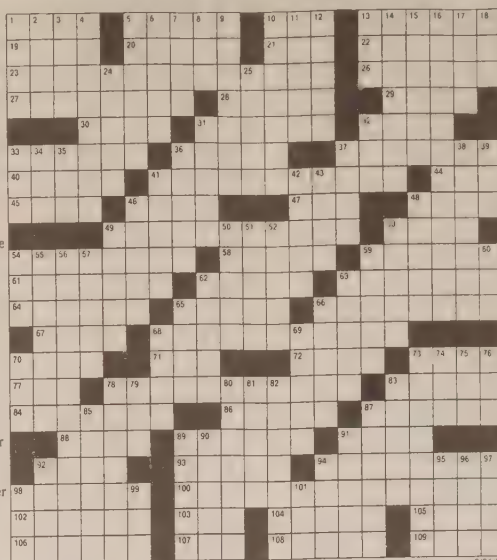


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**The Albany Arts Committee** presents "Portraits and Places," watercolors by Susan Cornelis, on exhibit through May 17, at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. Details: call 524-9283.

**East Bay Women Artists** present an exhibit "The Creative Edge" through April 25 at the Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd. Gallery hours are Monday through Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

## Literary Events

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**Center**, 3023 Shattuck Ave., presents a free legal information workshop on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The workshop is entitled "Plan Your Estate Even if You Don't Plan on Dying" with Attorneys Mary Gerber and Katherine Jaramillo. Revocable Living Trusts, Wills, Durable Powers of Attorney for Healthcare and Financial Management will be discussed.

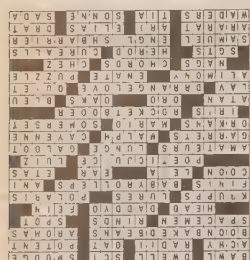
**Professor Reijon** of UC-Berkeley will discuss evidence for the existence of an historical as well as traditional Welsh King Arthur, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28 in the Geballe Room, 220 Stephens Hall, on the UC-Berkeley campus. The presentation will address depiction's of Arthur in Celtic Mythology and reconcile them with the theory of his Sarmatian origin. Details: contact Barbara McLaughlin, 415-338-1537.

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**Professor Frank H.T. Rhodes**, President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Geological Sciences, Cornell University, and the Honorable Judge Abner J. Mikva, Visiting Professor Law, College of Law and Senior Fellow, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois will lecture: Professor Rhodes will speak on Tuesday, March 30 on "The

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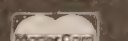
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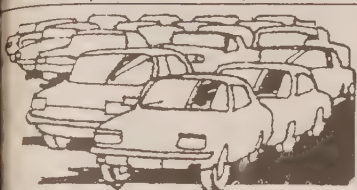
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## Volvo sticks to sales with anti-skid technology

VILLE LaBAIE, Quebec — Heralded as the most complete Volvo ever built, the flagship S80 sedan is also one of the world's safest cars.

Volvo's flagship 1999 S80 is equipped with the new Dynamic Stability and Traction Control System (DSTC) anti-skid technology.

Stability control is not new. It has been around for several years in various top-level luxury cars and is now moving down to the mid-level luxury segment in which Volvo has always been one of the top safety leaders.

A remarkable technology feat, DSTC is considered a giant step forward in active safety engineering dimension in the pursuit of safety.

To show off its flagship model and its optional new stability system, Volvo invited members of the automotive press to the winter wonderland of the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean Region of Quebec to test the S80 on the frozen lakes of the area.

Volvo also used the event to show off the new all-wheel drive version of its popular S70 sedan.

The press had the opportunity to drive both cars on Lac Otis over various types of courses. Our first drive on Lac Otis, which during the wintertime is covered by a four-to-six blanket of ice, was on a circular and later a figure-eight course. DSTC proved its value over both courses as time after time the S80's rear end ap-

### Road Test

By Arnold Wechter



THE VOLVO S80.

peared to heading south when it intervened and put the car back on track.

DSTC operates by continuously monitoring wheel speed data, the amount and speed of steering input, vehicle lateral movement, and the turning motion (yaw) of the car. The computer-aided system compares these inputs to what is considered normal behavior for the car. When it detects a dangerous situation — a sideways skid, for example — it can activate one or more individual brakes and, as needed, reduce engine torque to correct the situation.

This is what happened when we sped around the two courses and later on a slalom course set out on the same icy conditions.



THE VOLVO S70

For those who do not want DSTC to have final control over the cars there is a switch to turn it off on the instrument panel. That was what the Volvo driving instructors did to show the press how the car behaves without DSTC. The rear end quickly went south on the various courses

unless the driver made the correct moves. Even the most experienced drivers must admit DSTC reacts more quickly.

Is the system failproof? No, you can't ignore the laws of physics. If all four wheels lose traction not only will the wheels, but the system will be spinning

its wheels until traction is regained. As they say: "If you go over a cliff and turn right, all is over."

Driving the S70 with the optional all-wheel drive on the same courses and the

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# For your sake, help keep Mother Nature motor oil-free

Trying to do the right thing by maintaining your vehicle can be perplexing because of what it does to the environment. You end up producing all sorts of ecologically harmful waste.

A well-tuned car or truck runs cleaner and more efficiently than one less-well cared for, so it can use less fuel and produce fewer emissions.

However, each time you replace spark plugs or filters or oil, you're adding to the country's waste problem with the old plugs, filters and oil.

It's a given with most professionals that changing engine oil often—say every 3,000 to 5,000 miles—is one of the best things you can do for that engine.

Many new vehicles have longer oil-change intervals, maybe as high as 10,000 or 12,000 miles, but that's only under ideal driving conditions. That means that every 3,000 to 5,000

## Owners auto know

By Don Chaikin

miles you're taking about a gallon of our oil reserves to put in your engine and you're adding a gallon of old, dirty oil to our refuse heap.

To help, rather than hurt the ecology with the old oil, don't simply dump it anywhere. Take it to be recycled.

Most municipalities or counties now have regular oil recycling programs with relatively convenient recycling centers that will accept your old oil. This oil is then sold to a recycler that either re-refines it for use again as some sort of lubricant, possibly even engine oil, or as some other industrial or commercial oil.

If you cannot find a convenient oil collection center, ask a local repair

shop if you can add your old oil to its collection tank, since the repair shops are required by law to have the oil safely carted away for recycling.

You may even be able to find re-refined engine oil on the shelf of your auto parts store and use the recycled oil in your engine at your next oil change. The oil you bring to be recycled must be free of foreign matter, such as water, household cleaners, food, etc. So be sure the container you collect the oil in is cleaned and dry before you drain the old engine oil into it.

Remember to drain the old oil out of your oil filter and add that oil to the recyclable oil. Let the oil filter drain at least overnight to be sure to get all the old oil out of it before you throw away the filter. Stand the filter upside down in a pan to drain. If you punch or drill a hole in the filter's

metal can, it'll drain more thoroughly.

You can take the old, empty filter to a shop that collects its filters for recycling rather than tossing it in the trash.

While engine oil can be problematic to deal with, old engine coolant-antifreeze should be less so. Antifreeze is biodegradable, so ideally it can be dumped down into the sewer and it will break down safely.

Unfortunately, old antifreeze carries impurities that it has picked up from inside your engine and radiator that are not biodegradable. And while these represent a minute portion of the old coolant, they are technically potentially environmentally harmful. So after you flush your engine's cooling system, you should catch the old coolant and take it to a collection center where it, too, can be recycled.

However, coolant recycling isn't

as widespread as oil recycling and your town may not accept old coolant. A better bet is to take the old coolant to a repair shop that collects and recycles coolant. Many large repair shops and dealerships have the equipment to recycle their old coolant on the premises.

Another critical concern with antifreeze—new or old—is that it's poisonous.

Despite its bright color and sweet odor, it can be deadly to pets, wildlife and children. There are some antifreeze formulations that are marketed as "safer" to children and animals, but they are not totally safe either. Read the label carefully!

In any case, any spilled coolant should be flushed thoroughly and quickly. Don't leave standing puddles of antifreeze, and store your antifreeze in a sealed container, away

from children's reach.

You can be kinder to the environment when you replace your car or truck's spark plugs by using more-expensive plugs with longer life or some other premium plug. Many new vehicles come with types of plugs and require needing a tune-up for a few miles. You may not get the same level of service from these plugs, but you will last appreciably longer between standard spark plugs.

Besides meaning that helping choke our landfills with degradable trash, you save a lot of money around under the hood by changing spark plugs yearly.

Don Chaikin is Automotive Editor for Popular Mechanics magazine.

## Dodge, Plymouth Neon round curve into 21st century

By Tom Keane

The 2000 Neon, sold in both Dodge and Plymouth showrooms, is not the run-of-the-mill compact sedan. One and a half million buyers can back that up.

The 2000 Neon is the latest edition of a car that was introduced in 1994. The original version offered a lot of interior roominess and comfort at a low price. In addition, this car has a strong engine and a good ride. That's why the 1.5 million people in 61 countries bought this car over the past five years.

Now comes Neon's second generation, the 2000. There's been no radical change with the exterior appearance. It still retains its friendly "face" front end design and still appears to be smiling at you. The interior is where most changes have taken place.

Many of the changes, however, can't be seen. In keeping with the current trend with all car manufacturers, Neon made improvements with its "NVH" factor.

Noise, vibration and harshness have been reduced by strengthening the body. According to Chrysler engineers, the bending stiffness was increased 37 percent over the first-generation Neon.

I'm also informed that there are 24 percent fewer parts, and there are more welded parts and fewer screws. Most of these interior improvements are things that the eye can't see. But some of the improvements can be felt. The new Neon definitely has more stability, a smoother ride, and a quieter interior.

There has been a slight increase in the ride height which allowed re-designing the MacPherson strut-type independent front and rear suspension. This change greatly improves the overall ride quality and decreases the chance of bottoming out under a heavy load.

The 2000 version has better brakes, too. It has thicker rotors, a larger power booster, and stiffer front calipers. Disc/drum brakes are standard, but four-wheel disc brakes including anti-lock brakes along with traction control are available as an option.

Speaking of options, the base price of a Neon is \$12,390. My tester was loaded with options including: air conditioning power front windows, power central locking, power heated outside mirrors, and a keyless entry system. It also had the options of a theft deterrent system, a



THE 2000 DODGE NEON ES.

security alarm, power trunk lid release, 15-inch touring tires, tilt steering column, tachometer, fog lamps, leather wrapped steering wheel and passenger assist handles, which were all part of a package.

Also included are illuminated visors, quite a few extra lamps throughout the car, speed control, a radio that had a CD player and 15-inch aluminum wheels. Total: \$15,485.

A fully equipped Neon offers a lot of car for the dollar. With the options, I had the feeling I was driving an upper class car.

For example, the leather wrapped steering wheel added a touch of class, as did the express-down window. These are expected on cars that are in the low \$20s, but not a Neon.

The radio has premium speakers, and this is the first DaimlerChrysler car that uses dome tweeters. Another

touch of class is the theater-style self-dimming interior. And the warning chimes are gentle. I could hear them, but they weren't annoying.

There's a strong 2-liter engine under the hood. The leather-wrapped shifter allowed me to shift through the five-gear transmission with pleasure. This engine produces plenty of power. More importantly, this economically priced car produces mileage of 28 city, 35 mpg highway.

For budget-minded people looking for an expressive, enjoyable car, do what the other 1,500,000 buyers did: go with a winner.

### 2000 DODGE NEON ES

- VEHICLE TYPE  
5-passenger, 4-door compact sedan
- BASE PRICE  
\$12,390 (as tested: \$15,485)
- ENGINE TYPE  
4-cylinder 16-valve SOHC w/SMPI
- DISPLACEMENT  
2-liter
- HORSEPOWER (net)  
132 at 5600 rpm
- TORQUE (lb-ft)  
130 at 4600 rpm
- TRANSMISSION  
5-speed manual
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## Leasing a used car may offer unique advantages

Leasing has become an increasingly popular way to finance used cars over the past decade, but many people are still unaware that used-car leases are available and that they may offer certain advantages.

In 1990, only about 46,000 used cars were leased every year, and those leases were offered almost exclusively by the nation's 9,000 independent leasing companies, according to statistics from CNW Marketing/Research in Bandon, Ore.

### Leases surge

By 1995, the number rose to 281,000, and to 392,000 by 1997. Last year, largely because giant GE Credit Corp. got into the act, the number of used-car leases surged to 607,000 vehicles. GE Credit, however, has since retreated from used-car leasing.

As it does in new-car leasing, Ford Motor Credit dominates used-car leasing.

### Mercedes-Benz in the game

Mercedes-Benz is a significant provider of used-car leases as well. The captive finance companies of other automakers also offer some used-car leasing, but often they are restricted to vehicles covered under their used-car certification programs, or, at the very least, are no more than three years old, typically off-lease cars. People who fell in love with leasing

### Down the road

By Michelle Krebs

ing a new car also drove the market by requesting leases be made available for the used cars they added to their households.

Used-car leases provide the same advantages that new-car leases offer to consumers. The payments are substantially lower compared with financing a purchase, though the difference is not as great as on a new-car purchase versus a new-car lease.

### Monthly payments less

A monthly payment on a used-car lease is about a third of the monthly payment on a used-car purchase; a new car lease, especially if it is subsidized by an automaker, can be about half the monthly payment of a purchase. The savings allows the driver to acquire a more expensive car.

In addition, like on a new-car lease, the used-car lease allows the buyer to simply turn the car back into the dealer at the end of the lease instead of hassling with a trade-in. And the trade-in of a five, six or seven-year-old used car can be significantly more trouble than trading in a newer car as the gap between estimated trade-in values can be wide.

Interestingly, used-car leasing is

popular with women. Upper income women represent the largest chunk of high-end used car leases, according to CNW Marketing/Research studies. A woman is more likely to lease a two-year-old Mercedes-Benz, for instance, than a man of similar demographics who is more likely to lease a new Mercedes.

### Gains less than expected

Despite the increased popularity and obvious advantages for some buyers, the number of used-car leases falls far short from what the experts had predicted five years ago.

A huge increase was expected because of the building pool of used cars created by off-lease new cars. In addition, subsidized leases by the automakers had pushed independent leasing companies out of the new-car leasing business. They were forced to find alternative profit centers, and one of those was used-car leasing.

"Two years ago, the projections were that used-car leases would hit 1.25 million vehicles by now and 2 million by 2002," said CNW Marketing/Research's Art Spinella. "That's not going to happen."

### Lack of awareness blamed

Among the many reasons that used-car leasing will fall short of projections is the lack of awareness by consumers. Fewer than 10 percent

of the people who buy a one- to five-year-old used car are aware a lease is available; that compares with 72 percent of people who buy new cars.

### Dealers may shy away

"The primary source of learning about new-car leasing comes from a business associate and advertising," said Spinella. "The source of used-car leasing is someone at the dealership, and some dealers would rather not promote used-car leasing."

Car companies aren't likely to promote it heavily since they are in the business of selling new cars. And used-car superstores like AutoNation and CarMax haven't promoted it either.

"Without someone with marketing clout to make consumers aware they can lease used cars, the market is never going to grow very fast," said Spinella, who expects only an additional 175,000 vehicles will be leased in 1999 over 1998.

Nevertheless, Spinella advises a potential used-car buyer to consider leasing and ask the dealer if used-car leasing is available.

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# Night vision, reverse sensing strides make driving safer

Now that competition for the most cupholders and doors in a vehicle seems to have settled down, look for manufacturers to turn to providing the most high tech devices to extend a driver's sensory awareness.

These devices include those that alert the driver to objects near the back or the front of a vehicle, and ones that bore through a dark night, letting a driver see objects that would otherwise be dangerously invisible.

Sensing alert systems are now available on a dozen or more European marques, such as Mercedes-Benz, and on several Ford vehicles, such as the Windstar minivan.

This mechanism senses how close an object, or a person, is to the front or rear of a car. That nearness sets off a progressively steadier warning sound. The warning device lets drivers park close to something with-

## Drive, she said

By Denise McLuggage

out actual contact.

For instance, in the garage, Mom or Dad can draw up to the clutter without putting the squeeze on the recycling bin. More importantly, the device warns parents about otherwise unnoticed objects in their path, such as tricycles abandoned in the driveway, or small children or animals wandering into harm's way.

Don't mistake these alarms for those common on trucks. Those sound a steady beep to the world at large when reverse gear is engaged. The new signals sound inside the vehicle and are triggered only when something is sensed nearby. The beeps get closer together and louder

as that distance narrows. Ford offers the signal, called Reverse Sensing System, now as an option on the Windstar. Expect the option on many 2000 models, including Cadillac.

It is Cadillac that has also brought what General Manager John F. Smith calls "Desert Storm technology" to night driving. Cadillac has dubbed it "Night Vision." It employs infrared technology, thermal imaging, to render visible objects that a driver cannot see just with light from the headlights and regular vision.

Most everyone has seen thermal imaging in use whether by SWAT teams on the evening news or in action movies. A thermal sensor "sees" objects that are warmer than their surroundings, and in the Cadillac system displays them on a rectangle shape on the windshield in front of the driver. The rectangle is about a

third of the height of the windshield and, reminiscent of the heads-up displays of instrument information, seems to float there in eerie limbo.

On a recent evening on some dark side streets in Scottsdale, Ariz., I drove a 2000 Cadillac Seville equipped with the Raytheon-developed imaging system (Delphi-Delco designed the heads-up display). Cadillac had thoughtfully seeded the area with some dark-clad pedestrians, bike riders, pram pushers and passengers from a stalled car. All were clearly visible on the Night Vision screen far before the naked eye could pick them out of the murk. They floated into my ken in reverse color, like the negative of a black and white photograph. That's the transformation of thermal imaging.

Night Vision also penetrates the glare of oncoming headlights so that

you can see approaching sport utility vehicles or two side-by-side motorcycles. Though I saw no transfixed deer on those suburban streets, I do think Night Vision would helpfully turn such critters into hot white or cool black. It would also render visible anyone lurking in the shadows when you turn into your driveway at night.

The image Night Vision hangs before your eyes is fascinating. And therein lies a risk. Night Vision is meant as a tool to extend the driver's perception, not a replacement for the usual sources. I wonder if drivers who fail now to use all the sources available to them (i.e. mirrors), and who seem prone to fixate on their headlights' core rather than scanning the entire scene might be drawn irrevocably into this block across a segment of their windshield. Perhaps

experience will make

glance and withdraw. Quick interpretation of information on the screen alone is experience, unless perhaps a photographer, adept at visual aids, picks up displays anyway, and thermal imaging to police picking perps out of the I do like the proximity

One lesson made clear in a experimental ride with Night Vision: you plan to amble along in the wear light colors! (Unlike Night Vision is universal (your breath), your vision on wearing something ordinary headlights. If you a Ninja, expect to get caught



THE 1999 SATURN SC2 THREE-DOOR COUPE.

## Saturn's third door wins high praise

"A room without windows and doors" may be great for lovers, but car owners keep asking for more doors.

My wife and co-writer of this article is still bubbling with enthusiasm for the third door on the Saturn SL Coupe.

"It's a great idea, why hasn't anybody thought of it before?" Marion said.

"I'm willing to bet there will be plenty of copycats in the next model year," she added.

We were in agreement that the Saturn Coupe is a reliable, but not remarkable except for its third door. She and her women friends praised it highly for its convenience factor.

"It does away with the inconvenience factor of a coupe. It allows you to put your packages on the back seat without the hassle of getting them over the front seat. It wouldn't surprise me to see a fourth door like those now on trucks," Marion said.

There is no doubt the third door has proved a success for Saturn. Sales of small cars have been down and the coupe was not doing well under the third door arrived — and sales have taken off at a fast clip.

The third door is now a standard feature for all 1999 SC1 and SC2 models produced after November 1998.

When equipped with manual transmission the base Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Prices are \$12,445 for the 3-door SC1 and \$15,005 for the SC2.

These prices represent \$150 savings on the SC1 and a minimal \$150 increase on the SC2 when compared to similarly equipped '98 two-door coupe models.

Saturn designers were able to take the idea from concept to production in less than 24 months, thanks to computer-aided design and rapid prototyping techniques.

Operation of the door requires opening the driver's door first. The single handle for the rear door is positioned flush in the doorjamb and, when activated, releases the upper and lower space frame-mounted latches. The access door can swing out to a nearly 90-degree angle.

The addition of the third door does not change the SC2's styling. Other than the door seam in the quarter panel, exterior appearance changes is almost non-existent. The window glass in the new door is permanently fixed in place, and the glass panel in the C-pillar receives a blackout treatment.

All side panels in the coupe feature smooth, clean surfaces constructed of polymer materials. Use of polymer panels, which also includes both front and rear fascias, allows for a high level of dent resistance. And they will not corrode.

Another advantage of the use of polymer panels they can be easily unbolted for service facilitating eas-

## Road test

By Arnold and Marion Wechter

lier repair and elimination for the need of complete disassembly of interior panels.

Steel panels are used for the horizontal hood, roof and upper deck lid. The third door is the big news from Saturn, but its powertrain performance, interior refinements and new wheel selects highlight the coupe models for 1999.

Over the years, we have complained about the Saturn's noisy four-cylinder engine.

Saturn's engineers and press crew continued to crow that it was improved, but we hardly noticed any difference until this year. The '99 engine is quiet for a four-banger and the engine, which has been noted for its durability, reliability and economy, is now as quiet as other similar engines.

The 16-valve, 1.9-liter DOHC engine, standard in our test SC2 Coupe, produces 124 horsepower at 5600 rpm. The relatively flat torque curve peaks at 122 ft/lbs at 4800 rpm.

Standard equipment on the SC2

## SATURN SC2

- Type: 3-door coupe
- Base price: \$15,005
- As tested: \$18,095
- Options on test car: Option package 2 including cruise control, power windows, power locks with security system, power passenger mirror and alloy wheels (\$1,320); ABS with traction control (\$695); AM/FM cassette with CD player (\$510); California emissions package (\$125); Destination charge (\$440);
- Engine: DOHC 4-cylinder engine with sequential port fuel injection, transversely mounted, front drive

- Displacement: 1.9-liter
- Horsepower: 124 @ 5600 rpm
- Torque: 122 ft/lbs @ 4800 rpm
- Transmission: 5-speed manual or optional 4-speed electronically controlled automatic
- Brakes: Power front disc, power rear drum with ABS optional
- Steering: hydraulic speed sensitive, variable effort system

- Wheelbase: 102.4 in.
- Overall length: 180.0 in.
- Width: 67.3 in.
- Height: 53.0 in.
- Track, front/rear: 56.8/56.0 in.
- Curb weight: 2471.1 lbs.
- Fuel capacity: 12.1 gal.
- EPA rating: 25 city, 35 highway with automatic

includes a close ratio five-speed manual gearbox with a four-speed electronically controlled automatic available.

Both of us were pleased with the optional automatic on the test car. It was smooth and doesn't steal too much power from the engine. Saturn claims a SC2 with a manual transmission will do the 0 to 60 test in nine seconds — quite respectable.

With the automatic the same test takes six seconds longer — and we consider any figure less than 10 seconds quite good for a small car.

EPA figures for the SC2 25 mpg city and 35 mpg on the highway for cars equipped with an automatic. Our test vehicle averaged 28.2 in combined city/highway driving with the emphasis on around-town mileage. The EPA says a SC2 equipped with a manual transmission will average 27 mpg around town and 38 mpg on the road.

The ride and handling of the Saturn SC2 coupe is quite good. It makes no pretension of being a sports car, but it handles curves with ease and we found the ride neither too hard nor too soft.

The upscale SC2 is equipped with a quick ratio, variable effort steering system. The system provides excellent assist at low speed turns, and become more precise at highway speeds.

Power-assisted front discs and rear drum brakes are standard. It is our opinion that this false economy on the part of Saturn management. Disc brakes in the rear would improve the stopping power and the few bucks saved are a mistake.

A four-wheel anti-lock braking system, with traction control is available as an option.

The interior is not particularly handsome, as the air conditioner/heater and sound system look as if they were stuck in as an afterthought.

All switches and other controls are within easy reach of the driver and it should take only minutes to learn.

Both of us believed the front seats offered excellent support and were comfortable, but placed too low.

Even the driver's seat with an up/down cushion is too low for the two of us.

Getting into the passenger seat is like entering a mineshaft.

Another effort to save a few pennies was the use of a mechanical control for the outside rear view mirror on the driver's side. The passenger's side mirror is electrically controlled.

The front seats include a built-in lumbar support for lower back comfort and the driver's seat is equipped with a mechanically adjustable lumbar support.

The rear seat is a tight fit for adults, but it is perfect for smaller

## AUTO SHORTS

### GENEVA

#### New M-B CL Coupe

Mercedes-Benz unveiled its next-generation CL Coupe at the Geneva Motor Show. The CL Coupe is due to arrive in the U.S. early next year and will be offered exclusively in the U.S. market as the CL500 model. It will be powered by a new-generation 302-horsepower 5.0-liter V-8.

A second CL model equipped with a new-generation V-12 engine may be added in the following year. Pricing of the limited-production CL500 is expected to be at or below the outgoing model in line with Mercedes' ongoing value strategy.

The all-new premium luxury coupe bears such Mercedes design hallmarks as four distinctive oval headlights, rounded fenders, a delicate yet dynamic roofline, wrap-around rear windows, a revolutionary Active Body Control (ABC), a high-performance active suspension system that virtually eliminates body roll and pitch during stressful moves.

### KONA, Hawaii

#### Toyota cutting Tundra prices

Toyota's strategy for its new Tundra full-size pickup includes undercutting the competition on price, officials admitted at the vehicle's official introduction.

It is the same strategy used in other Toyota/Lexus models. Bring them in under the competition's price and later raise the price as the models gain market share.

Toyota said the base Tundra will have a sticker price of \$15,415, including destination charge. The base Ford F-150 and Chevrolet Silverado are \$15,795 and \$15,995, respectively.

Tundra expects its 4x2 SR5 Access Cab with a 4.7-liter V-8, automatic transmission and air conditioning will cost \$22,670 including freight.

### DEARBORN, Mich.

#### Harley-Ford partnership

A five-year alliance between Ford Motor Co. and Harley-Davidson, including marketing and technical ventures, has been signed.

The first joint venture will be Ford's sponsorship of the motorcycle company's Super-bike racing program. Ford's oval will appear on

Harley's racing cycle. The two companies will join forces for centennial celebrations in 2003, the 100th anniversary of both companies.

### LOS ANGELES

#### Eclipse dropping sporty model

Mitsubishi's Eclipse will drop its boy-racer sporty car for the coupe model. Company officials say the decision is based on engineering and cost-control restrictions and marketing considerations.

After two generations, the Eclipse will be offered with the same four-cylinder engine as the coupe's sedan cousin, the Mitsubishi Galant, neither with a turbocharged engine.

The current Eclipse is offered with a base 4-cylinder engine and a powered turbocharged version.

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## Clean lines of Buick LeSabre challenge re-design team

Designers and engineers faced with a near-impossible task to improve upon the LeSabre for the 2000 model year. This challenge was to painting another Mona

do you improve upon success? The Buick LeSabre has been the best-selling full-size car in America for the past seven years. You sit in it and you fall from the lofty clouds, which meant every change had to be an actual improvement. Porter found a way.

Porter is Buick's chief designer. He explained each subtle change. The 2000 LeSabre doesn't have dramatic changes, nor should it. He admires the way it looks, but pointed out how a quarter of an inch here and two inches there made dramatic changes in the aerodynamics of this LeSabre.

### Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

The headlamps use clear lenses with very clean looking parabolic reflectors. The exterior mirrors are significantly larger, but they are more streamlined, yielding less wind noise. He said, "the side moldings are body color and blend with the side sculpture nicely, but they still provide excellent protection from shopping carts." I made note of the sparse use of chrome compared to the earlier models, which seemed to give this beauty a high-quality appearance.

"The most distinctive feature is the instrument panel that wraps neatly into the door design," said Porter. But I found distinction elsewhere. My preferred features were

the ignition switch and the gas pedal.

This car has a V6 "3800" engine under the hood that offers a quiet ride with smooth acceleration. What makes the ride even more enjoyable is the attention the engineers gave to improving the body structure. The platform is stiffer, which results in a better ride compared to the earlier models, and it has improved handling performance. The engineers claim there is a 27 percent increase in bending stiffness and 62 percent higher torsional stiffness. I don't know a thing about percentages, but I do know that stiffness is the key to a smooth, quiet ride because noise and road harshness are isolated from the passenger compartment.

The engineers also boast of their advancements in the area of safety. The 2000 LeSabre has more roof-crush resistance and with the use of

tubular door beams, this car has a high level of resistance to side impact. Also the hinge and latch systems will resist door openings during impact.

The designers also explained the improved lap and shoulder belts, and the four airbags and why they are seat mounted. It keeps the side impact airbag aligned with the occupant regardless of the seat position.

This new car has daytime running lamps and doors that lock when the transmission is shifted from Park. The engineer's attention to details gets into such things as the doors automatically unlocking and the interior lights turning on should an airbag be deployed. This is all high-tech stuff — which is the basis of the all-new LeSabre improvements.

In addition, Buick offers what they call LeSabre's Personal Choice.

It allows two drivers to pre-select setting of their own choices in connection with all the comforts and safety features and the audio system.

There are two models, Custom and Limited. I preferred the Limited, which was loaded with equipment. It has a base price of \$25,695, but

with the CD player, uplevel suspension system and leather seats it runs \$28,610.

So there was room for improvement with the best selling car in America after all. As for the Mona Lisa, I like her smile just the way it is.

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on it. The other day she was at the  
store and had the grocery  
bagged into the trunk. When the  
man shut the trunk, the power  
did not work. It normally  
closes automatically. Did the motor  
go? What do you think? Bob

about that your problem is the  
power assembly. I was able to  
find a technical service bulletin that  
addressed this problem. It stated that  
the power deck-lid power pull-  
down switch could be the result of an inop-  
erative power pull-down switch.  
The power pull-down switch in-  
side the trunk determines if it is defec-

### AUTO Q&A

By Todd Hayes

tive. Do not replace the entire power  
pull-down assembly. A service switch  
is available as a separate part. This  
should take care of your problem.

What's wrong with my  
Cherokee fuel gauge? It  
always reads empty

Q. I drive a 1991 Jeep Cherokee  
Sport Utility Vehicle I have  
owned since new. It has 59,000 miles  
and overall I have been satisfied with  
this truck. My problem has to do  
with the fuel gauge. It now is read-  
ing empty even after I have filled the  
tank. On occasions it will read up to  
a quarter of a tank but never full. Is

the gauge bad, or something else?  
Steve

A. I doubt that your problem is a  
faulty gauge. To determine if a  
gauge is faulty a simple ground test  
can be performed. I did locate a tech-  
nical service bulletin that addresses  
your problem. Some 1991 Cherokee,  
Comanche and Wrangler vehicles  
may have a fuel gauge that reads low  
or empty after filling the fuel tank.  
This may be caused by the fuel send-  
ing unit float absorbing fuel and  
causing the float to sink. The repair  
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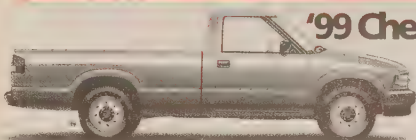
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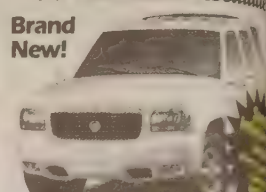
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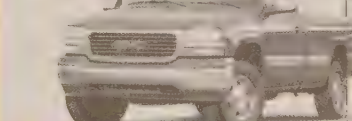
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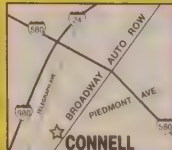
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# Bay Area Car Clubs

By CCT staff

varies. Newsletter BAMA Backroads lists activities including rallies, fun runs, autocrosses, social dinners, Laguna Seca historic races, and more.

## Bay Area Mustang Association

PO Box 20292  
Castro Valley, CA 94546-8292  
e-mail: mustanggt@hotmail.com  
President: Dennis Rohde 510-797-2667.

Secretary Chuck Wiltens 510-481-8784.

Meetings 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday each month at Castro Valley Women's Club, 18330 Redwood Rd., all years of Mustangs welcome.

## Bay Area Thunderbird Owners' Club (BATOC)/Classic Thunderbird Club International

Ann Gregory, president  
415-479-7320  
John Suter, VP Membership  
415-485-0446  
Dedicated to the preservation of the classic 1955-57 Thunderbird. Oldest classic Thunderbird club in U.S.

## BMW Car Club of America, Golden Gate Chapter

909 Marina Village Parkway, # 189  
Alameda, CA 94501  
Contact: Charles Quarton, president, 408-746-3662  
Hotline: 925-556-4GGC or www.ggc-bmw-cca.org

## BMW Vintage Club of America

P.O. Box S  
San Rafael, CA 94913  
Attn: Tom Graham

## Borgward Owners Club

2901 Moorpark Ave. #265  
San Jose, CA 95128  
408-244-3123  
Don Hoskins

## Buick Club of America, California Capitol Chapter

Publicity Coordinator: Fran Frates  
4767 Bowerwood Drive  
Carmichael, CA 95608  
916-489-6631

## Cadillac Drivers Club

5825 Vista Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824  
Attn: Wray Tibbs

## California Chrysler Products Club

PO Box 2660

Castro Valley, CA 94546  
Information: Norm Frey, 510-886-0931.

Meetings: Monthly, at members' homes. Membership: \$15/year.

Dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of Chrysler product cars. Organized meets and tours. Monthly newsletter, the Silver Dome Gazette, with photos, wiring diagrams, specifications, classified ads free to members. Technical advisors help members with restoration projects and club library.

## Club Elite

6238 Ralston Avenue  
Richmond, CA 94805-1519  
Attn: Mike Ostrov

## CSRG (Classic Sports Racing Group)

PO Box 825  
Danville, CA 94526  
Dan Radowicz or James Herlinger  
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## Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association (CHVA)

Dale Galloway, promotion manager  
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## Diablo A's Model A Ford Club

Chapter of Model A Ford Club of America, Inc.  
PO Box 6125  
Concord, CA 94524

Contact: Steve Mick, 925-838-7570, smick@verio.com.

Meetings 8 p.m. third Friday of the month (except December) at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA.

## Diablo Four Wheelers

Concord, CA  
Contact: Steve Mallo, vice president 925-799-1063

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## Diablo Valley Classics

PO Box 21514  
Concord, CA 94521  
925-609-7419

For all 1955-1957 Chevrolet cars, trucks and Corvettes. Meetings are usually the first Friday each month at the Contra Costa Water District building off Concord Ave. Main annual event: Annual Classic Get Together at Concord Blvd. Neighborhood Park (Oct. 3 this year).

## Diablo Valley Corvette Club

PO Box 5824  
Concord, CA 94524  
Hotline: 925-672-8225  
President: Jim Neylan 925-676-0873

## Diablo Valley Mustang Association

President: Mike Weldon  
Web site: www.jps/dvma  
Meetings: Second Wednesday each month at Fuddrucker's, the Willows, Diamond Blvd., Concord. Mustangs of all years.

## DKW Club of America

260 Santa Margarita Avenue  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Attn: Byron Brill

## Early Ford V-8 Club of America

PO Box 2122  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
Attn: Dan Wittern

## Econoline Organization

15039 Costela Street  
San Leandro, CA 94579  
Attn: Jay Long

## Falcon Club of America, River City Chapter

c/o Mark Milton  
610 Kentucky Ave.  
Woodland, CA 95695  
530-661-3066

## Fiero Owners Club of America

Northern California Chapter  
2380 Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

## Ford T5 Owners

PO Box 669  
Livermore, CA 94551-0669

## Golden Gate Classic Thunderbird Club

Mike or Rita Press  
124 Hollyhock Ct.  
Hercules, CA 94547  
510-799-0556

e-mail mjprgp@hotmail.com  
Meeting/outing: Second Saturday of the month. For those interested in 1955 through 1957 Thunderbirds. Members come from Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties.

## Golden Gate Lotus Club

PO Box 117303  
Burlingame, CA 94011

## Green Flag Driving Association

342 Laurelwood Road  
Santa Clara, CA 95054

## Hispano-Suiza Society

175 St. Germain Avenue  
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Oakland, CA 94611

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408-867-1265, FAX 408-867-3731  
www.jag.org

JAG is a San Francisco Bay Area car club consisting of 300+ owners and individuals who appreciate Jaguar automobiles. The location of meetings changes each month. Newsletter: The JAGazette, Richard H. France, editor, 408-353-3770.

## Jewett Owners Club

24005 Clawiter Road  
Hayward, CA 94545

## Lamborghini Club of America

170 Monte Vista Road  
Orinda, CA 94563

## Locomobile Society of America

3165 California Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115-2412  
Attn: Norm Buckhart

## Mercury Stray Cats Classic Cougar Automobile Club

Dennis Pierachini, President

PO Box 41  
Fairfield, CA 94533-0004  
e-mail: info@classiccougar.com  
Web site: www.classiccougar.com

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Meetings: 2 p.m. second Saturday each month, Burger Road, Pleasant Hill. Monthly newsletter with technical tips, calendar of events, reports, flyers from related events, list of establishments for club discounts, want ads and more. Annual car show, fall club outing, technical workshops.

## MG Owners' Club (MGOC)

Correspondence Secretary:  
George Steneberg  
9 Pomona Ave.  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
510-525-9125

e-mail: j2george@pacbell.net  
Web site: home.pacbell.net/jensten  
Meetings: 7 p.m. second Thursday each month, location varies. Activities include tours, rallies, tech sessions, shows, picnics, annual dinner, awards, monthly gatherings at pubs, meetings. Monthly newsletter The Octagon provides free ads for members, technical and helpful articles, humor, and events. Free expert advice on parts, repair, restoration. Vintage racing information available.

## Mid-Peninsula Old Time Auto Club

PO Box 525  
Belmont, CA 94002  
Attn: Hal Schuette

## Military Vehicle Club of California/Military Vehicle Preservation Association

East Bay Contact: Lee Edwards,  
925-447-9387.

Monthly swap meets, two statewide rallies. Anyone with an interest in any age and nationality of military vehicles is welcome.

National association: PO Box 520378

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## Volvo

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scenic, icy roads that surround the lakes takes different skills.

Volvo's all-wheel drive (AWD) is different than many of its competitors. Most of the time it acts as a two-wheel drive vehicle in a move to improve fuel economy.

When the AWD senses a loss of traction it can send as much as 95 percent of the power to the rear wheels.

We also drove both cars on some beautiful highways including one located in L'Anse-Saint-Jean for Parc du Saguenay which had been set aside by Volvo for the press.

The narrow two-lane road was covered with ice and snow and provided an excellent opportunity to try DSTC and AWD. It was our opinion after driving the road four times that the S80 with DSTC reacted more quickly the S70 with AWD — but it wasn't as much fun to drive.

Passive safety continues to play an important role in the development of the S80. Some of the new safety innovations seen for the first time in the 1999 S80 are Whiplash Protection System (WHIPS), the Inflatable curtain (IC) feature of the Side Impact Protection System (SIPS), which also incorporates a Volvo first, the front seat-mounted side impact air bag. Other leading-edge safety technologies include two-trigger level front impact air bags and seatbelts with pyrotechnic pre-tensioners for all five seating positions.

Active safety features on the S80 include a new generation anti-locking brake system, electronic brake distribution control.

Operation of DSTC is most likely to activate on slippery or uneven driving surfaces, but will also operate on dry pavement.

The system is designed to integrate into the S80 multiplexing electronics. The system computer reads data from its sensors, detect a developing situation and applies the appropriate correction in a fraction of a second.

In most cases, the only indication the driver may have of the system operation is the blinking of the small, triangular-shaped light on the instrument panel.

All-wheel drive is not new to Volvo. Last year it introduced three uniquely different wagons: V70, V70 XC and the V70 R. For '99, AWD is added as an option on the S70 GLT sedan.

Volvo's AWD wagons are aimed

directly at the SUV market, while the Volvo S70 GLT AWD creates a new platform for sedan buyers seeking AWD's versatility. The Swedish auto maker claims IT provides a level of safety engineering, comfort, and driving pleasure not found on any sport-utility vehicle, minivan or conventional front wheel drive vehicle.

The AWD systems on the S70 and V70 behave like a conventional front-drive vehicles on dry roads. When conditions deteriorate or become slipperier, the system automatically switches into four-wheel drive without the operator having to shift levers or push buttons.

How does the system work? Engine power is diverted to rear wheels through a transfer differential located adjacent to the transmission.

Power can be split to either the front or rear wheels in varying amounts as conditions dictate and without driver intervention.

The main component that handles engine power transfer is the viscous clutch. It is a type of turbine in which power that normally drives the front wheels is instantly transferred to the rear wheels to help maintain optimum vehicle traction.

It normally allows 95 percent of the power to remain directed to the front wheels and five percent to the rear wheels under conventional driving conditions. As soon as a wheel slip is detected, the viscous clutch adjusts torque distribution to all wheels and when necessary, can transfer up to 95 percent of the engine power to the rear wheels.

The action is transparent to the driver. It is similar to what occurs in an automatic transmission.

Volvo believes the system provides the best of both worlds. It provides a conventional front-drive with all its responsiveness and advantages.

When driving conditions change, the vehicle is transformed into a four-wheel drive with all the traction advantages of a sport-utility vehicle — and without the inherited discomforts associated with traditional truck-like 4X4s.

The new version of the S70 comes with a 190 hp five-cylinder engine with a light-pressure turbo charger that can move the vehicle from 0-60 in about 8.6 seconds.

DSTC and AWD are two more technologies that follow Volvo's Scandinavian philosophy that is based on the premise that the most survivable accident is the one you do not have!

## Saturn

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children — and the rear seat is where you are expected to put the younger set these days for safety reasons.

### Air bags standard

Driver and front passenger reduced force air bags are provided as standard equipment.

Even with reduced force air bags there remain fatal risks to infants in rear-face seat restraints and to other children who are not properly secured when the air bag inflates.

### Cupholders Included

Storage areas and dual cupholders are included in both the front and rear consoles.

Air conditioning is a standard feature on the SC2 and optional power windows and door locks, and leather-trimmed interior is optional.

### Security system optional

As part of the power convenience packages, vehicles also re-equipped with a security system. It can be programmed to automatically arm one minute after the vehicle ignition has been turned off and either door is cycled.

The system will also arm after ten minutes if the ignition has been turned off and no door cycled.

The Saturn SC2 Coupe has several good points and several bad ones, but it has one asset that other manufacturers have a hard time providing — an excellent dealer organization.

We've never heard of a customer suffering a bad experience at a Saturn dealership.

### Homecoming confirmed love

Several years ago we attended the Saturn Homecoming in Tennessee and had the opportunity to talk to several owners. All liked their car, but loved the experience of buying it — and that is different.

"Don't forget the third door," Marion said, "It is something no other coupe offers today and it is an excellent reason for buying a Saturn."

## Clubs

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Concord, CA 94521  
925-827-0851 after 7 p.m.  
925-686-2624 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
1992-1999 Corvettes and Camaros. Meetings once a month, schedule varies. Contact: Nancy Henderson.

**National Auto Sport Association**  
PO Box 21555  
Richmond, CA 94805

**Northern California Corvette Association**  
Sharon Evans, social director, 510-538-8716.  
Visit: [classical.com/clubs/ncca/nccahome.htm](http://classical.com/clubs/ncca/nccahome.htm)

Meetings: First Tuesday every month 7:30 p.m. at Castro Valley Women's Club, 18330 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley  
Billed as America's Oldest Corvette Club, incorporated May 9, 1957. Events include autocross, drag races, tours, shows, charitable events. Annual event is Vette Magic, 2-day race event early June.

### Northern California Cruisers

John Loudon  
PO Box 20234  
El Sobrante, CA 94802  
510-233-0721

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### Northern California Kit Car Club

c/o Vern Hance, treasurer  
3317 Ellesmere Ct.  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
925-938-1442  
Web site: [www.kitcar.com/nckcc](http://www.kitcar.com/nckcc)

Organized to promote learning more about cars through sharing information among members. Annual September show. Monthly newsletter. Shows, parades, promotions. Membership: \$2/month (\$24 each January)

### Northern California Model T Ford Club, Inc.

Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America  
4100 Alhambra Ave., PO Box 1696  
Martinez, CA 94553  
Meetings second Thursday of the month (except December) at City of Lafayette Recreation Building, 711 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Dues: \$25.

### Pacheco, Martinez and Port Costa Sewing Circle, Book Review Society and Street Racing Association

9 Benita Way  
Martinez, CA 94553  
925-228-1410.  
Founded 1985, more than 1,200 members. Club meets irregularly to enjoy their automobiles, automobile business. Promotes Gran Prix racing at grass roots level. No membership restrictions, no dues.

### San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the Corvair Society of America (CORSA)

John Saunders  
617 Keats Dr.  
Vallejo, CA 94591  
707-643-3998  
Meetings first Wed. of each month at the Orinda Library at 7:30 p.m.

### Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club, Inc.

Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America  
PO Box 2081  
Saratoga, CA 95070  
Meetings third Friday of the month, 8 p.m., Mairdon Room, 464 N. Winchester, Santa Clara. Membership: \$20.

### Santa Clara Valley Thunderbirds

6371 Firefly Drive  
San Jose, CA 95120

If you know of or are looking to start a new Bay Area car club, write "Auto section," Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA. You may also e-mail [jsnyder1@octimes.com](mailto:jsnyder1@octimes.com) or fax (510) 339-4066. What we can do to get the word out.

### Sorry Safari Touring Society MGs (SSTs)

Membership: Ben Lantz  
719 Wichita Dr.  
Fremont, CA 94539  
510-651-0808  
Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month, location varies.

### Sports Car Club of America

301 Preston Court  
Livermore, CA 94550  
Sprite-Midger Owners Group  
PO Box 3217  
Santa Clara, CA 95051

### Tri-Valley Classic Chevy Club

Meets 7:30 p.m. on the Friday of the month at the Alameda Airport. '55-'57 Chevy cars and Corvettes.

### Vintage Mustang Owners

6371 Firefly Drive  
San Jose, CA 95120

### Volvo Club of America

E-mail: [Despivel@volvoclub.com](mailto:Despivel@volvoclub.com)  
David at 510-849-0961

### Western States Corvettes

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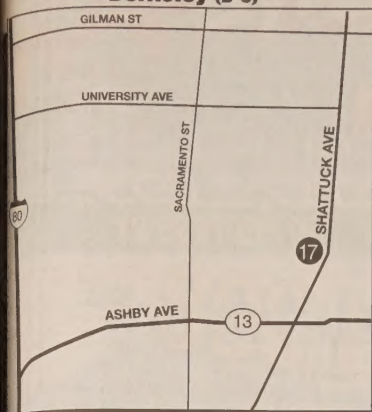
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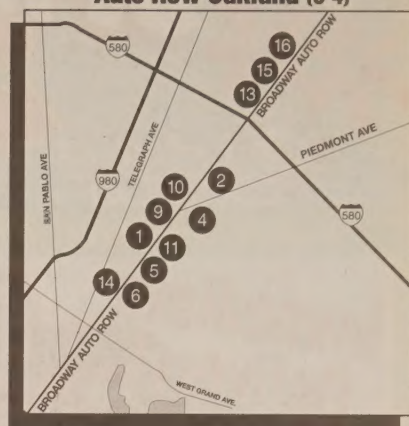
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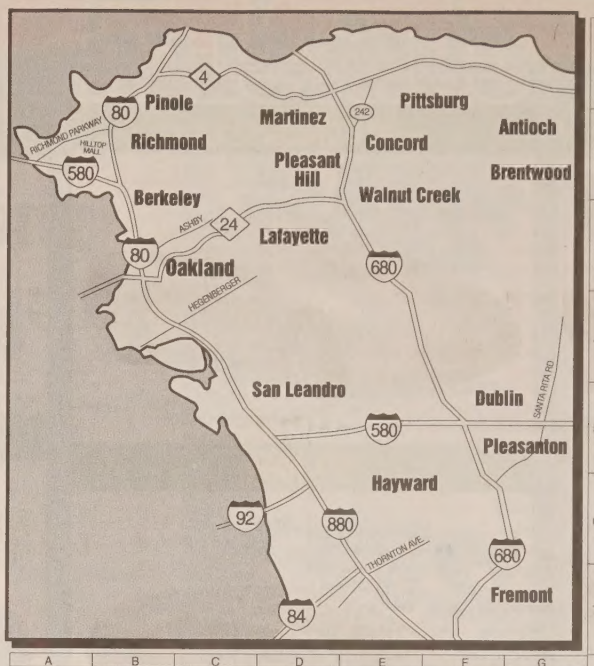
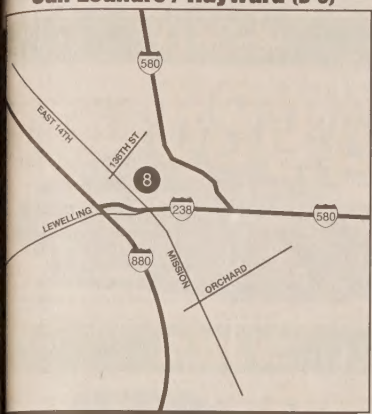
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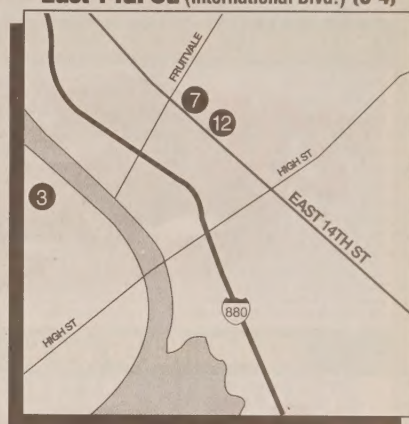
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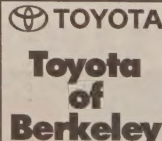


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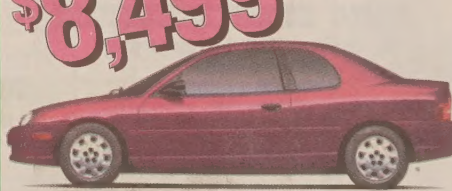


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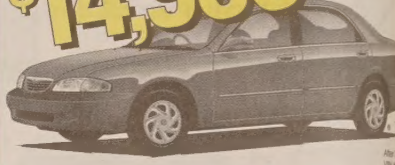
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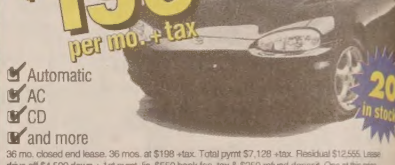
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